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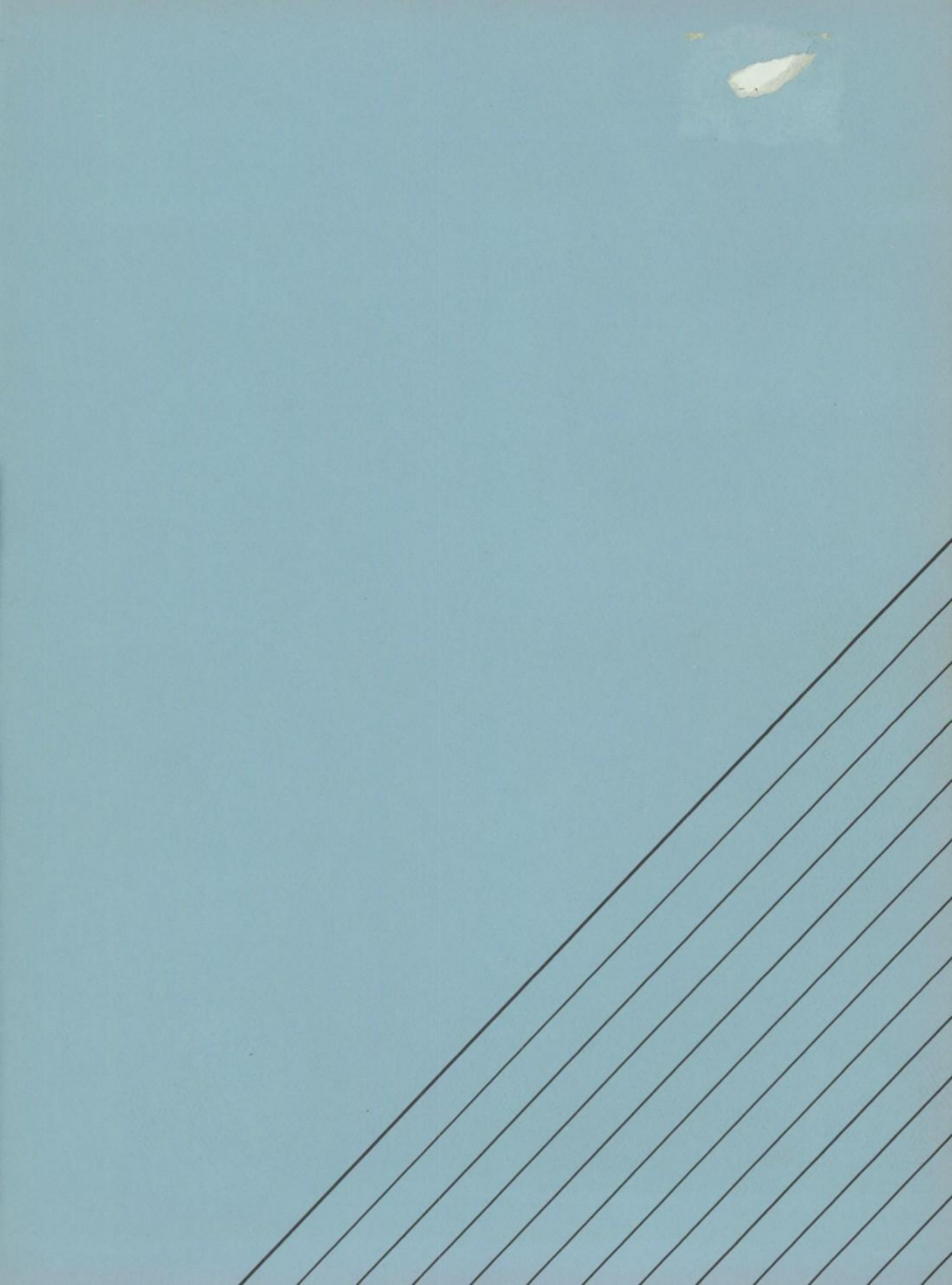

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It figures the short distance trip to Windy City Grill, "Homer's", was a favorite spot to grab a quick bite of lunch for many daring Hickory High students. Here, Paul Teague, struck with a bit of senioritis, displays the proper techniques of eating a "cheeseburger with" while sipping on the "Pride of the Carolinas."

It figures

On September 2, the streets and buildings surrounding Hickory High seemed to be strangely empty. The following day, it figures that the school would erupt with the enthusiasm each student possessed as they poured into the halls and onto the grounds. It figures that the 457 unprepared freshmen, not knowing the convenience of the back halls, made getting to class in the allotted time nearly impossible.

During the 1985 state playoff game against the Ashbrook Greenwaves, John Hyatt, David Dillon, and Stewart Allen cheer on the varsity football team and show great school spirit through their painted faces and enthusiastic chants.

Spirit for homecoming week is not only shown during school, but at the annual tornado fest. Here, senior Kelly McKinnon diligently paints Patrick Campbell's face to help raise money for the Pep Club.

Chosen as Game of the Week by WBTV channel 3, the tornadoes receive a visit from Paul Cameron after Sky 3 lands in the middle of the field.

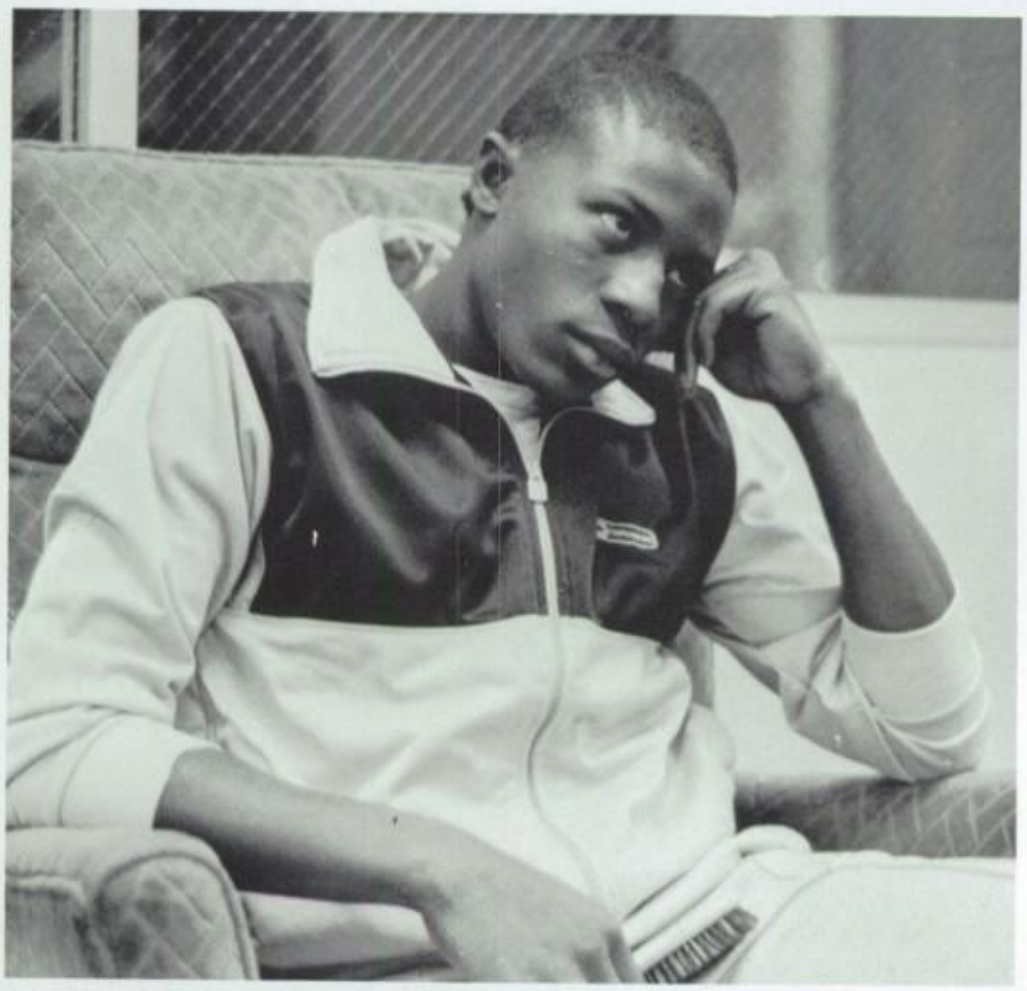
During the 1985 homecoming dance, spirits soared and bodies moved to the music D.J.'d by Marcus Anthony. Seniors Mary Henson, Tim Malone, and Barbara Hester show their enthusiasm while supporting the HHS student council.

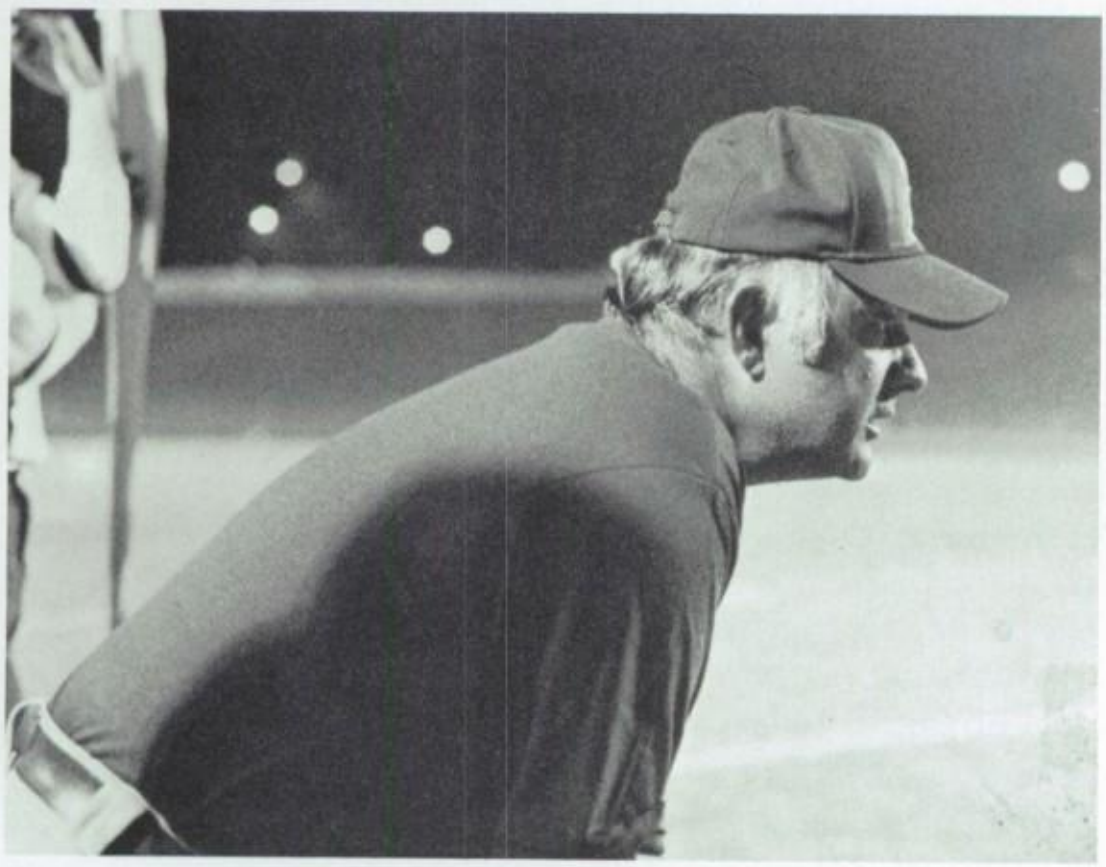
It figures

It figures the departure of '85 brought the echoing sounds of chants and spirit to the jubilant class of '86. It figures those, who came with the closure of North State, being new and apprehensive students, were widely accepted to the fastly changing HHS. It figures that we, old and new, grew to become the one and only close knit group infamously known as the Hickory High Red Tornadoes.

Leaping to his highest ability, senior Bobby Dettlebach heads the ball back towards the opposing goal to get up the offense again while Jeff Vermillion anticipates his next move. Dettlebach, voted Soccer Player of the Year in the Western 4A Conference and also one of the tri-captains along with Vermillion, led the Tornadoes to victory more than once.

Sulking in the comfort of the office chair, Nelson Shuford patiently waits for his turn to see vice-principal Brackenhoff to receive his punishment, which could be 3 days in In-School Suspension.





New head football coach Larry Wittenberg looks on his players with a bit of concern for the moment. Coach Wittenberg led the Tornadoes to their first conference victory in 6 years and also a position in the state playoffs.

Student Life

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It figures the life of a Hickory High student didn't always end at 3:20, but many times had just begun. The potential, available hours after school all added up to make student life shine. It figures these countless moments resulted in a year of everlasting friendship and even a few disappointments. Between cramming for major exams, partying away those reoccurring high school blues and cheering the Tornadoes on to victory — the life lovers at Hickory proved no activity, event, or function was done half hearted during the year. It figures that an all or nothing attitude was evident when the soccer, football, girls tennis, and girls cross country teams all qualified for competition on a state level and made a stand for Hickory so early in the school year.

During the state playoff game against the Ashbrook Greenwaves, football fans of all sorts turned out to show their spirit for the Red Tornadoes in hope of a victory. Although Hickory fell a bit short of that longed for dream the event still remained especially exciting for the student body because it was chosen by WBTV channel 3 as their game of the week.

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HER!"

A Prize Premiere

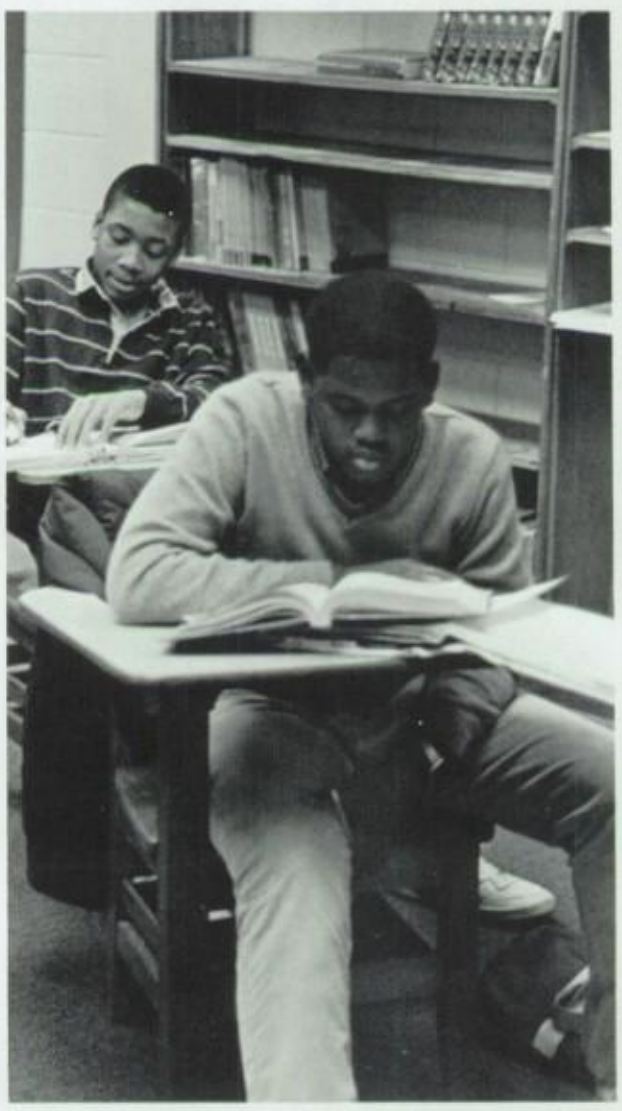
Starring: 1200 eager students and a supporting cast of 73 super teachers.

Let's go stir crazy! crazy! That is how it began as the first bell of the new school year rang. As new students fumbled around the halls, not quite sure of where to make the next turn, excitement filled the air. If a stranger would have happened to walk in on this monumentous occasion, he would have heard a lot of comments blowing in the wind. The freshman: "Hey, do you know where room 376 is? I can't seem to find it anywhere!" The upperclassmen, voices raised: "Man, dumb freshmen, watch where you're going!" At lunch; however, the two groups' comments were much the same: "I sure will be glad when this day is OVER!" Students, whether they transfer or just happen to be freshmen, seem to be in agreement on one subject, their first day of high school will be an experience they may not soon forget, although many would like to.

As always, the new year being no exception, the stairs are flooded with people in a hurry to get to class. Most people, still dressed in shorts, found it difficult to concentrate in schoolwork as they yearned for the out-of-doors. Eventually, everyone got used to the old grind.

Freshman Ronald Whitener gets down to his Civics work, determined to start the year off right as Allan Blackburn studies his new book.

Sometimes it's hard to be a freshman, realizes Landy Griffith as he endures the ritualistic cut-downs by upperclassmen Benny Lytle and Tony Mayhew. Next year, though, it's his turn.



"Where do I go from here?" Although freshman Jennifer Tuttle has been at Hickory High for a few days, she finds she still has to use her map to find her way around. Some 460 other freshman added to the confusion of the first few days, also.

A New Era Begins

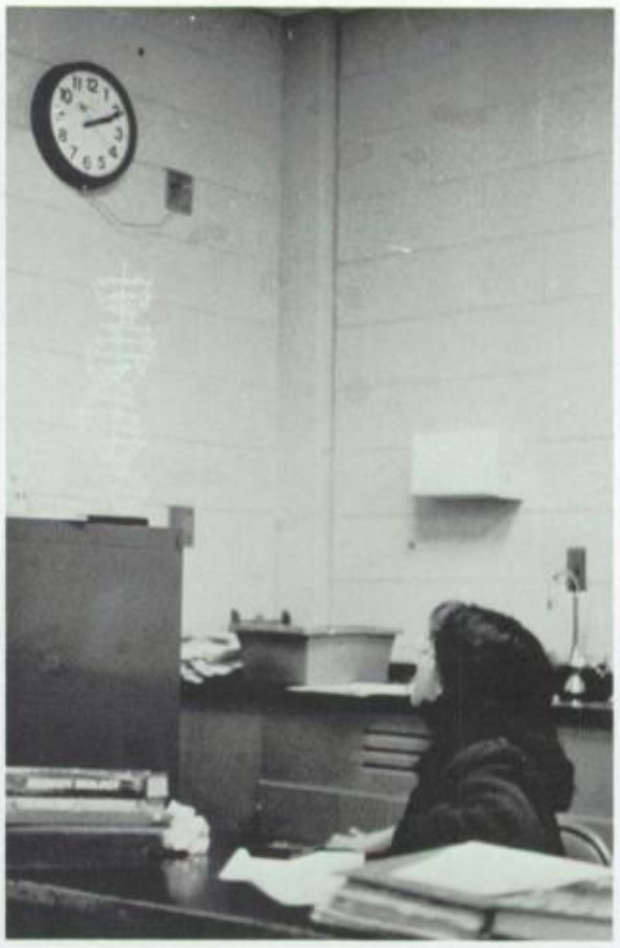
With the help of new students, new rules, and new teachers.

Gayla Bridges realilzes that being a freshman is not all bad as she talks to Senior Jann King. Obviously seniors do not shun freshmen, much as their reputation implies.

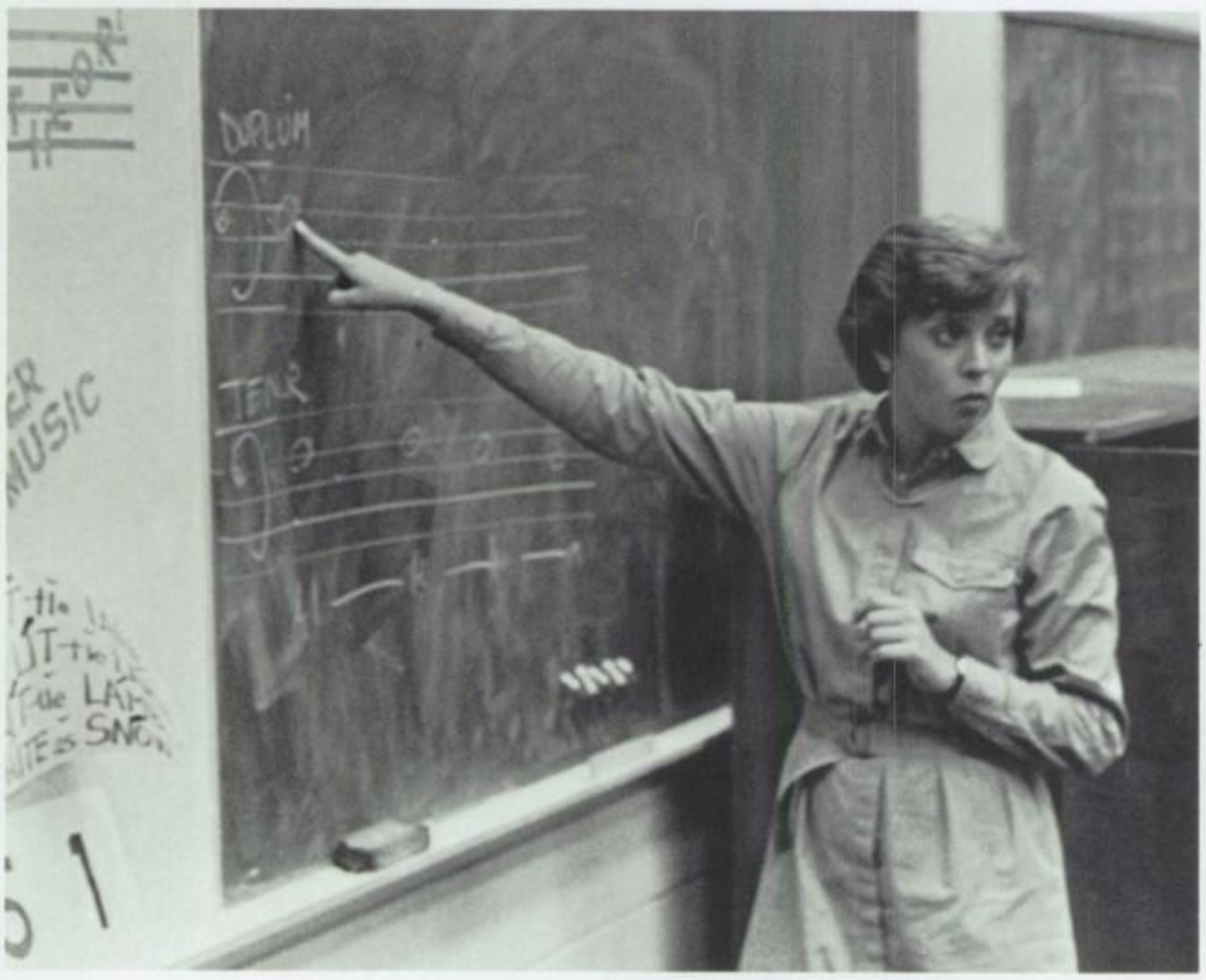
The long, hot summer is over. Echoes of the question "What's new?" filter the hallways and a variety of answers accompany them. Everybody has to know what so-and-so did this summer, who their new teacher is, and where all the new people came from. Eventually, all of the questions are answered and people begin to get down to some serious schoolwork that is, until the first weekend.

The school's population rose greatly this year mostly due to the large freshman class of 460 students and also those who transferred from the now defunct North State Academy. Although it was difficult to adjust to the larger classes, most students realized a big school was not all bad. Sophomores Heather Deal said, "Although I miss the closeness of North State, I enjoy meeting all the different people here at HHS. I'm so glad I've gotten the chance to make new friends and be part of such a large school." All in all, these students were able to examine the pros and cons of public education from a special point of view.

One of the many positive new things of the year were the clocks donated by the Class of '85. This laid to rest the old, familiar question, "What time is it?" Sophomore Jenny Hyatt said," I think the clocks are fine, they just don't move fast enough." But when the clocks strike 3:20 on June the sixth, everyone will have plenty of time to wonder about the movement of the clocks.



Anxiously hoping for the next hour and ten minutes to pass quickly is Sophomore Kim Van. The clocks, which were a gift from the class of '85, proved to be very useful in taking care of that old line "What time is it?"



Preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert, new chorus teacher, Ms. Waters, helps the class review one of the songs. Ms. Waters, who also teaches other music-related courses, truly turned the chorus into a singing wonder.

Front Row: Chris Cunningham, Eulanda Campbell, Tabetha Cunningham, Gene Hewitt, Thomas Early, Tyrone Hector, Alex Mackie. Second Row: Vivia Killian, Eunecia Culbreath, Karen Hunt, Antoinne Mayhew, Ann Williams, Rhonda Young, Tonta Ramseur, Kevin Carlton, Hope Free, John Camp, Dionne Freeman, Benny Lytle. Third Row: Cheryl Vinson, Linda Scott, Lynn Powell, Michelle Davis, Charline Larget, Kim Culbreath, Jimmy Fuller, Felicia Suddreth, Angie Saddler. Fourth Row: Grant Brittain, Angie Setzer, Mark Rhyne, Danita Davis, Lisa Fuller, Mark Anthony, Tonya Quick, Tammy Clemmons, Regina Dula, Leslie Conley. Fifth Row: June Kiziah, Paula Sanford, Jimmy Withers, Becky Mearns, Lori Crossley, Alex Walle. Sixth Row: Kathy Berger, Joanne Brouhard, Kelly McKinnon, Robin Perry, Deanna Carter, Montye Brewer, Mary Henson. Seventh Row: Julia Smith, Brian Mead, Michelle Munday, Lynn McRary, Marguerite Richart, Bob Dixon, Andrea Towery, Elizabeth Burleson, Jennifer Cline, LeAnn Gaither, Marris Spencer, Melissa Powell. Eighth Row: Vicky Lowdermilk, Ginger Price, Caroline Walker, Nicole Dutton, Ann Clegg, Jeff Henson, Kent Kersher, Missy Graves, Lee McRary, Delane Jenkins, Kim A. Huffman. Ninth Row: Robin Haynes, Andy Berry, David Armstrong, Tina Wills, Teri Stuart, Brth Kim, Billy Benson, Jann King, Amy Browder, Stuart Allen. Tenth Row: Kevin Swanson, Sheree Raker, Leigh Thompson, Kent Rhoney. Eleventh Row: Eddie Alala, Jeff Vermillion, Lisa Bedford, Phil Costner, Hiep Vo, Carlos Tobon. Twelth Row: Rick Taylor, George Waldrop, Richie Sawyer, Leslie Collins. Back Row: Brian Griffith, Todd Huffman, Margie McKaughn, Beth Stuart, Angie Whitner, Erika Newton, Bobby Yount, Cindy Summerlin, Beth Hager, Dent Guarimo, Mike Craft, Toby Texter.

The Mix For '86

Ingredients: 280 Excited teenagers, add a dash of spirit and you've got SENIORS

Seniors . . . YOUR year has finally arrived! When asked, Denise Boyles and Ann Williams feel their biggest responsibility was . . . GRADUATION! Caps, gowns, and invitations ordered during the year help set the mood for the evening of June 5, 1986. Exams, SAT's, and college applications did their share to dampen this spirit, but the class of '86 charged onward and upward.

The last class to need 180 points to graduate left their mark on their alma mater. The soccer program began with approximately 300 freshmen entering the hallways. Now, the soccer team is one of the best in the state, and the meek and mild freshmen are now bold and brassy SENIORS. Most of all, the class of '86 is just plain special. With the help of excellent students, brave individuals, and great athletes this class can stand among the best.

College applications . . . a never ending curse. Seniors Lisa Bradford and Micheal Huggins begin the long tedious process of becoming a high school graduate. Applications are just one of the many time consuming chores of the class of 1986.

Building a pyramid that builds up school spirit. During the homecoming assembly,, that's exactly what the varsity cheerleaders did as Amy Browder added the top to a perfect pyramid and topped a perfect day.

AND THE PEOPLE SAID . . .

Senior Life is . . .

Graduation

—Denise Boyles

What I've been Waiting

for all my life

—Katherine Winfield

A time for friends and fun

—Lisa Bradford

Tornados Triumph

Homecoming Week was a success with Tornado Fest, a dance, and a victorious football game.

Filled with excitement, Homecoming week '85, with its various activities, supplied many memories for the future. During spirit week, HHS students decked out each day in a different outrageous outfit. At the assembly, spirits soared as the band and the cheerleaders performed and the clubs paraded their banners around the gym. Achieving success, the Red Tornadoes defeated the McDowell Titans 55-0 in a spirited match. During halftime, senior Beth Kim was crowned Homecoming Queen to a cheer of approving game-goers.

When Spirit Week arrived, the atmosphere at Hickory High was charged with excitement. To begin the week, Monday was Western Day and students dressed as cowboys in boots, jeans, and hats. The school took a trip back in time on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Fifties Day, poodle skirts and leather jackets were the favorites. Girls wore their hair in ponytails tied with scarves, while guys slicked back their hair for the "greaser" look. On Hippie Day, the popular items were bellbottom ployester pants, headbands, and leather sandals. On Thursday, everyone wore the school colors of garnet and gold.

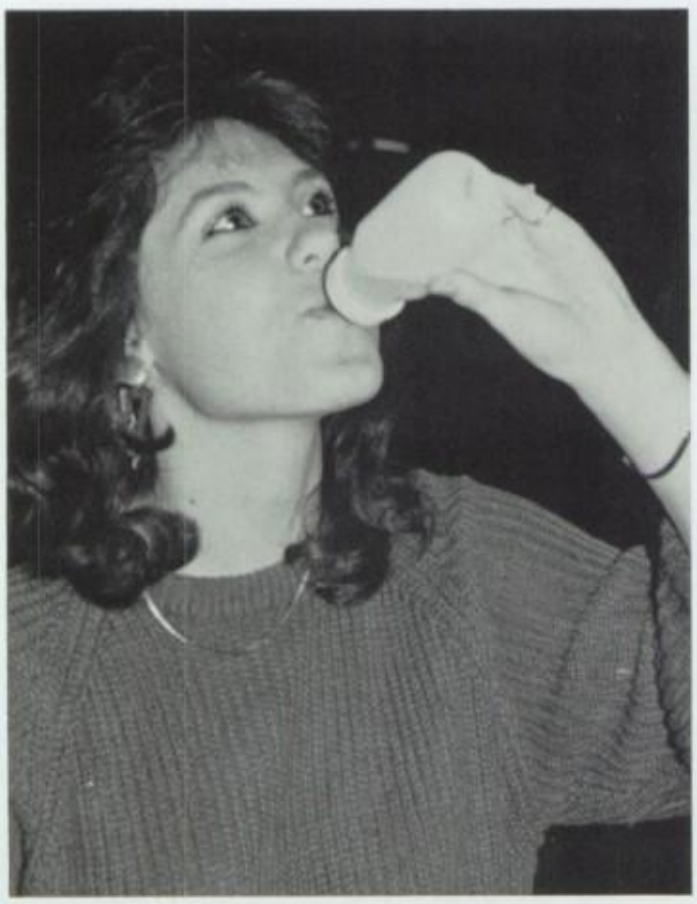
The majority of the students enjoyed the week, whether they dressed up or not. Sophomore Kelly Bolick commented, "I thought there was a lot of participation. It showed that we have school spirit."

Posing as the "mysterious Meranda," junior Geralene Reid uses a Ouija board and her knowledge of astrology to predict other students' futures in the Junior class' Tornado Fest booth.

One of the events students look forward to around Homecoming is Tornado Fest. With activities for all ages, Tornado Fest especially delights young children like the small tike here trying his hand at knocking the beer cans over in hope of a prize.

Helping out the cheerleaders, several varsity football players transform themselves into letters to spell the word "HICKORY" in an effort to lift stu-

Enjoying Tornado Fest's activities, senior Becky Bradley participates in the suck-a-lug contest, a competition in which the first person to empty a baby bottle wins.



dents' morale at the Homecoming Assembly, which provides a break in the monotony of a regular school day.

AND THE PEOPLE SAID

"Homecoming is great for school spirit, no matter who wins the game or who is crowned queen."

—Erica Sides

"The victory over McDowell was a perfect touch to an already fantastic Homecoming."

—Sandy Bruner

"I thought Homecoming was fun and I was glad to see everyone participate."

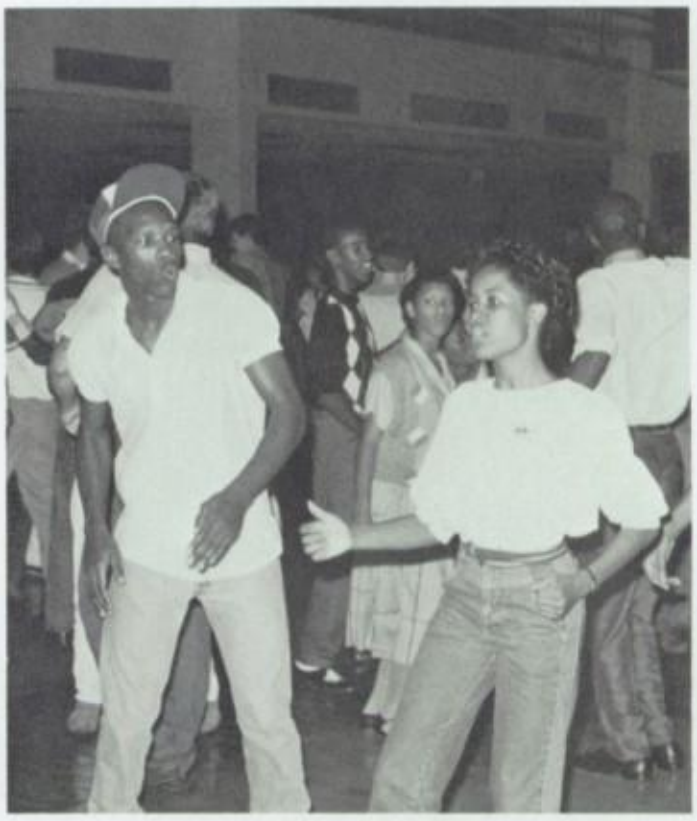
—Marcellena Huffman

"I'd say that Homecoming was a success especially since our football team won."

—Jimmy Killian

"The energy created during Homecoming Week is greater than anything else all year."

—Lee Thomas



Getting into the groove at the Homecoming Dance, seniors Buddy Harshaw and Angie Saddler belong to the music as they allow their bodies to be taken over.

Letting the good times roll, as the theme of the 1985 Homecoming Dance implied, are senior Ronnie Williams and freshman Lisa Holloway. The dance had music provided by a local DJ.

Queen for a Day

Beth Kim samples the royal life.

"Howdy Pardner!" says the excited cowgirl Cheryl Strickland. The laid back Western style seems to be made for her, as it was for most of the other students decked out for Western Day.

Providing a break in the monotony of the week, people like Marcellena Huffman thought it was the one time of the year that we could really act "crazy!"

Excitement, laughter, prise, spirit, and screams were just a few of the sights and sounds of the Homecoming Assembly. Under the leadership of Mr. Williamson, the teachers, dressed as cheerleaders, were finally able to spell the word "victory". Freshman Jennifer Tuttle made a comment about the skit performed by the teachers: "Now I know why I can't spell, neither can my teachers."

On Friday, a near capacity crowd flooded Hickory High stadium, either to watch the local Red Tornadoes battle the McDowell Titans in a key Northwestern 4-A Conference game or to see who would be crowned the 1985 Homecoming Queen. Both of the outcomes were celebratory as Hickory blanked McDowell with a stunning 55 points and Beth Kim was crowned the reigning queen. All in all, the entire week was worth celebrating as Hickory came through like true champs.

Maid of Honor
LESLIE CONLEY

Being the largest club at the school AFS-GLOBE had to make an extra-good impression at the Homecoming Parade. The club did just that with an air-sprayed banner carried by Harland Dick and Quy Duong.

MOLLY BASS

AMY BROWDER

LORI CROSSLEY

NICOLE DUTTON

Crusin' back in time for 50's day are seniors Robbie Pugh, Beth Kim, Molly Bass, David Morgan, and Paul Teague. With the popularity of the movie "Back to the Future," Student Council decided it would be an appropriate theme for one day.

Tickets for sale! Kelly McKinnon receives some last-minute instructions from Mr. Howard, Student Council advisor, on how to sell dance tickets. The theme "Let the Good Times Roll," proved to be very popular.

1985 Homecoming Queen
BETH KIM

JANN KING

BECKY MEARNS

MELISSA POWELL

ANGIE WHITENER

Club Members Increase

As Rush Week takes place, students flock into the mall area to experience the excitement that the clubs produce.

Appropriately named, Rush Week is the hurried time when students can join various clubs. During lunch, students fill the mall area and spread out in masses to different clubs' stands. Rush Week gives clubs an opportunity to advertise their activities in order to encourage students to join. This year, Rush Week was crammed into three frenzied days. Sophomore Kim Avetta commented, "I really think Rush Week should be longer. It seems like there is not enough time to decide which clubs to join." Many students do not even know when Rush Week will be until it is in progress. Freshman Jessica Cook thought the week needed more publicity.

For freshmen, the week is a learning experience. Just when they are getting used to high school life, they encounter Rush Week and become lost in the commotion. Freshman Lisa Pons thought that the entire week was confusing.

In spite of all of this, Rush Week was a fun-filled time that served the important function of increasing club participation.

An important part of high school life is being in clubs, and it is even more fun if your friends participate with you. Being introduced to the club circuit are freshmen Katherine Johnson, Gretchen Bowman, and Cami Setzer with the help of a more experienced member, junior Kris Setzer.

AND THE PEOPLE SAID:

"I like clubs, but I never have enough money for dues."

—Terry Bunton

"For some clubs you have to offer the right incentive — THREATS!"

—John Trainer

"Rush Week is always fun for me because I get to meet new people and make new friends."

—Kris Setzer

"Rush Week was a fun and new experience for me. I liked it because I had the chance to meet new people and learn what all the clubs had to offer."

—Gretchen Bowman

Nicole Dutton eagerly awaits another AFS application as Pat Loytty sells the club on Chad Tucker. The club, which is the oldest chapter in the state, is the most popular and well-attended activity in the entire school.

Not expecting the popularity of their club, Interact ran out of applications during first lunch on Monday. Not discouraged; however, by the delay of applications or by standing in line, Angela Berasa patiently waits her turn to apply.

Hickory High's twenty-two clubs offer a wide variety of choices to suit everyone's interests, even those who want to become teachers. Senior Jimmy Davis decides that the club might just be worthwhile and a concerned and somewhat amused Eulanda Campbell and Tabetha Cunningham make sure he doesn't cheat on the application.

"I know you want to be in Drama Club," exclaims the dramatic John Trainer as he inflicts his wrath on yet another innocent bystander. Thanks to people like John and an expert director, Mrs. Jeannie Gragg, the club was able to produce three successful plays during the 1985-1986 school year.

Oriental Odyssey

Students take a trip back into the Imperial Orient for a night of dance and romance.

There are two events during the school year that preparations are made for months in advance: graduation and prom. The theme for this year's prom was "An Evening in the Orient."

The Junior class set to work early in the year by first attending prom meetings to get the theme decided upon. Those people paramount in the success of the event were: Cheryl Strickland, Junior Class President; Kris Setzer, refreshments; Shannon Hefner and Anne Prevatte, decorations; and Mrs. Borst, advisor. The class was divided into groups headed by these people and set to work on their respective duties.

When the event finally arrived, students excitedly lined up for prom pictures while absorbing the exotic decorations. As the evening progressed, students sampled the delectable refreshments while dancing to the music of "Zipper." The evening sadly drew to a close at midnight as the prom-goers headed to their assorted destinations.

Providing entertainment for the dance was a Charlotte band called "Zipper." Mixing pop and funk, they proved to be appealing to the majority of the students on the dance floor.

Senior Jennifer Hewitt and her date, Andrew Weldon, detach themselve from the dance floor in order to have a private conversation. A number of people at this time

sted up for the marathon dance at the very end of the ening.

After a fast number, promgoers Debra Hill, Lamont Williamson, Rose Williamson, Amy Browder, and Jeff Vermillion take time out for a quick shot. Then they headed back to their tables to socialize and sample the delectable refreshments.

Journeying across the bridge designed and built by the Junior Class are sophomores Amanda Henderson and Monica Hayes. Both girls took full advantage of the terrific band as they later danced the night away with their dates.

As the days of planning wind to a close, Junior Class President Cheryl Strickland folds the invitations in preparation for their distribution the next day. As students received the black and gold oriental invitations, "oohs" and "aahs" were audible throughout the halls.

A Time of Glory

Twelve long years of hard work finally pay off.

Jubilant, joyous seniors show their smiles that stretch from ear to ear. Seniors Robbie Lackey, Carol Punch, Beth Proctor, and Travis Propst make it obvious to any viewer that school is almost out.

As the Award's Day Assembly draws to a close and a hush falls across the crowd, John Lomax's voice rings through the air, "The winner of the Student of the Year Award is, Molly Bass." Earlier in the year, Molly created the play, "Go Fly a Kite" which received a standing ovation at the dinner theater. Molly also received recognition for her play "The Teenage" from the National Script Award in New York. As Mrs. Gragg, the drama teacher, admits, "Molly is one of the few students who has achieved so much so early in life. She is also one of the few who will probably be successful in the theater world." Perhaps one day Molly Bass will be the female Neil Simon from Hickory High.

More than just a face, senior Molly Bass was known as a famous playwright at HHS. During Award's Day, she received the Student of the Year award.

Something every lady should know — how to jump start a car. Senior Tammy Yount excelled this past year in the activity and earned an award in auto mechanics. Being the only girl in the class obviously served as a challenge for this determined senior.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Each year three seniors with the highest academic ranks receive monetary awards donated by local business and civic organizations.

Kimberly Anne Huffman, Valedictorian ..... Pepsi-Cola Scholastic Award
Elizabeth Caroline Kim, Salutatorian ..... The Hickory Kiwanis Foundation Award
Kent Williams Kercher, Third Ranking ..... The Shuford Mills Scholastic Award

Scholastic Awards, Vocational Awards, and Athletic Grants

These awards are given in recognition of students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, vocational achievement, and athletics.

Mary "Molly" Gettys Bass
Pamela Ann Bollinger
Lisa Carol Bradford
Christopher Grant Brittian
Kathleen Jean Burger
Jane Elizabeth Burleson
Juanita Marie Carswell
Deanna Margaret Carter
Shane Cecil Clark
Tammy Marcia Clemmons
Philip Patrick Costner
Michael Warren Craft
Wendell Michael Cramer
Robert Frank Dettleback, III
Lisa Darlene Fuller
Heather Christine Glasscock
Mary Elizabeth Hager
Jane Murrill Ham
Jeffery Paul Henson
Mary Lizabeth Henson
Kimberly Anne Huffman
James Michael Huggins
Vanessa Lynn James
Vivia Laine Killian
Angela Michelle Laws
Cuong Phouc Loung
Adele Claudette McLean
Franklin Brian Mead
Erika Anne Newton
Thomas Clarke Owen
Robin Laraine Perry
Angela Yvette Saddler
Angela Renae Setzer
David Lee Shirley
Alphadella Rena Smith
Carlos Eduardo Tobon
Andrea Pope Towery
Valerie Anne Treadwell
Todd Lee Turnbill
Shannon Neal Weathers

More than a party, it's 19 An Adventure 86

Lisa Sebestian proudly marches out of the gym after having to wait twelve years to display her cap and gown.

Finally, the moment the class of 86 had been waiting for has arrived . . . GRADUATION. For the Seniors, twelve long years of work culminate in this ceremony with the awarding of the diplomas. Graduation is the first stepping stone on the way to adulthood and long-awaited independence. It is a time of joy and sadness as the graduates leave HHS for college and jobs. Remembering times spent with friends, many seniors regret having to go their separate ways, knowing how much they will miss family and friends. Even with this mixture of emotions, as the seniors filed into the mall, the general feeling was one of excitement. After John Hyatt gave the invocation, Paul Teague, senior class president, spoke of "how things have changed since seniors started school." Following the recognition of honor students, each senior was called forth to receive their diplomas. Finally, when the ceremony was over, the class of '86 marched out to conquer the world.

President of the student body, Becky Mearns, sits in the seat of honor for her position, waiting to give her final farewell to Hickory High.

The anticipation of graduation, that long awaited march to the front of the gym for that special piece of paper. Here Dr. Thompson, Mr. W.P. Pitts, Mrs. Forbes and Mr. Willimson are ready to hand out diplomas to the jubilant seniors.

To conclude the graduation ceremony, senior officer Angela Saddler rings the victory bell twelve times to symbolize the twelve years of hard work and dedication of the seniors.

Robbie Williams, Kam Whitlock, Chad Ward, Shane Weaver and James White are all proud of their rehearsal diplomas, but were waiting for their final one.

And the people said:

"I can't believe we made it."
Lee Suggs

"It's time to party!"
Robbie Williams

"It's so-hot in here —"
Andy Berry

"Thanks everyone for the opportunity to learn."
Mary Matsotas (from) Greece

"We'll get this yearbook finished!"
Mary Henson — editor

Many tears are mixed with joy as Hope Free gets last minute hugs before she leaves high school and goes on to the future.

BOOSTING SCHOOL MORALE

"Student Council gives those extra little touches to the high school that makes it a better place."

Erika Bailey

If it happens at Hickory High, the Student Council is usually behind it. "It" is anything spirited — dances, holiday happenings, and class rivalries that the students participate in. Student body leader, Becky Mearns worked extremely hard this year, striving to boost school spirit. "The problem is not the students," she said, "they've really got a good spirit. They just need the right circumstances to let it loose." This year she planned, with the help of the rest of the council, the tailgate party at Homecoming. The students loved it and the football season continued with many more such parties.

Although the Council has faced problems this year with school assemblies and pep rallies, they did a great job in restoring school spirit.

Being Student Body President would seem to be a really tough job, but Becky Mearns carries out the responsibilities with a flair and a smile.

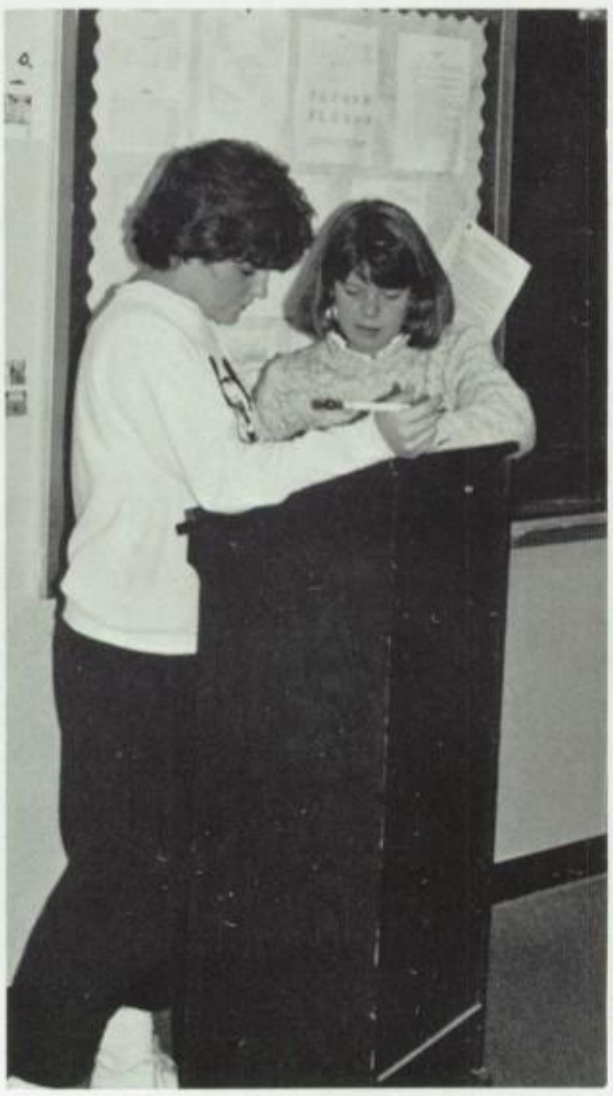
Student Council is not all plans and budgets, it's a lot of fun, too. Mr. Howard, Student Council advisor, gets a laugh out of the latest fundraising idea.

Front Row: Becky Mearns, Kelly McKinnan, Adele McLean, Dana Crump, Jessica Cook. Second Row: Caroline Walker, Anne Prevatte, Nicole Dutton, Melanie Thompson, Geraline Reid, Kim Burns, Kim Huffman, Vanessa James. Third Row: Angie Saddler, John Hyatt, Aaron Speagle, Robbie Roberts, Missy Anthony, Sherry Shade. Fourth Row: Rance Nicholas, Caroline Triplett, Valerie Treadwell, Tomi Powell, Dawn Zetner, Suzanne Spivey, John Lomax, Charity Williams, Sharon Williams, Heather Young, Jeff Vermillion. Fifth Row: Deke Shepler, Brad Crump.

Student Council advisor Mrs. Marsh tells members of the upcoming blood drive and explains how to care for those who donate blood.

During the spring elections, junior Carey Cogan gives it her all as she encourages her class to vote for Kelly McKinnen for Senior Representative. She did a good job, too, because her candidate won.

Planning the Valentine's Day carnation sales are President Becky Mearns and Ex-officary member Heather Young. Making sure all the flowers get to the right people is a big job that requires weeks of planning.



Providing the music for the Valentine's Dance are a group of students, "Ace's High", who have been performing for the past three years. Their performance was a milestone at the school because they were the first live band to perform at a school dance.

ALL THE RAGE

FASHION FASHION FASHION

California reveals it, New York has it, Paris imported it, and Hickory High wears it. What is "it"? Fashion, of course. It covers us from the top of our heads to the tips of our toes. How many times have you stared at a closet full of clothes but still asked yourself this question, "What am I going to wear?" Both males and females wake up to face this never ending dilemma.

Freshman Gretchen Bowman sums up the wardrobe to H.H.S. by saying, "Fashion is very casual to very dressed up." Many students seem to stick to their old faded jeans and a sweatshirt while many seem to indulge in the sophisticated approach of skirts and neckties.

Even though Paris is thousand miles away, its influence is felt at Hickory High.

SWATCH, GUESS?, FORENZA,

You were more apt to see a girl roaming the halls in a skirt this year than you were jeans and a sweatshirt.

Junior Missy Parlier checks out the latest at Belk's, hoping to find just the thing.

Irresistable styles tinged with the excitement and the individuality of the times.

The changing fashions of today are regarded in many different ways. To Heather George, these avant-garde pants are just the thing, but Lisa Ellis

The tendency for girls to dress up, as junior Twila Welch depicts with her beads and bangles, greatly contrasted with the guys trend of polo shirts and jean jackets, worn by Jimmy Killian.

LEVI'S, ESPRIT, GASOLINE, REEBOKS, SANTA CRUZ, AIR JORDANS, UNION BAY, OP . . .

seems a little wary of them judging by her covered laugh.

The popularity of Forenza sweaters and Guess? jeans were sprinkled with those items that were different. Anna Portwood, who says she likes to be an individual with her wardrobe, models fashionable sweater leggings with a matching sweater.

LIVING IT UP

On the night of nights, students dress to impress and dance to romance.

In the months before May twelfth students were busy preparing for the prom, one of the biggest highlights of high school. The junior class and student council put many hours into the decorations. They also had to hire a band and provide refreshments. For students who were going to attend the prom, picking out a dress or tuxedo was a difficult decision. Then there was buying corsages and having one's hair done. Some even went to the trouble of renting a limousine. And finally after all the work and preparation, the night of May 12 arrived.

As the evening began, the air was charged with romance and excitement at the 1985 prom. The theme, "Sailing the Night Away," provided many decorating ideas. A walkway through a small pool with candles floating in it was the main attraction. Blue and silver streamers hung from the ceiling like a cascade of water. "Dazzle" filled the school with the latest tunes. Sophomore Aaron Speagle thought the band was "really good". Feasting on all the little goodies and dancing to the music kept most students entertained, while others were happy merely socializing. Some people feel that the prom is the biggest event of high school. Senior Lee Suggs thinks the prom is "something special."

The evening seems to be a fulfilling one as Jennifer Kilborn and her escort Tho Le take a breather between dances.

Stopping for a quick pose for the camera, this happy foursome — Mark Burton, Celeste Cantrell, Janet Morrison, and Darren Skeen — arrive for the 1984-1985 prom, hoping it will be a night to remember.

It's surprising how having fun can be really tiring.

All the work paid off when the mood of the prom proved to be both romantic and festive as juniors Chris Friend and Lori Crossley take time out for a little romance.

As the evening draws to a close, a slow song is played by "Dazzle" and those who attended wonder about the excitement of next year's prom.

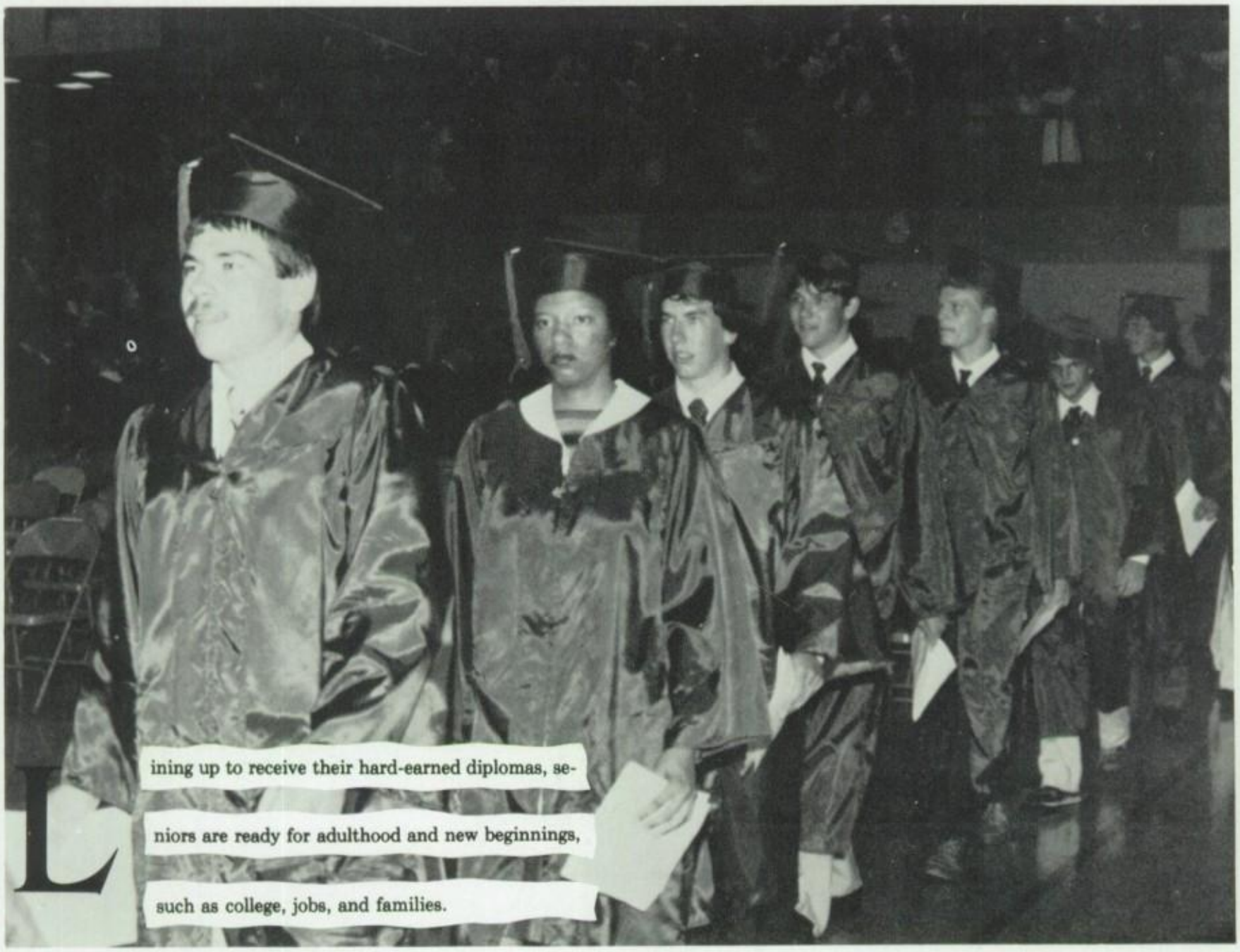
Now that the band has taken a short break, the rest of the crowd can sit down, relax, and socialize.

The time and the effort that went into the prom, in developing the theme and in the decorations, was utterly staggering. Junior Anne Clegg diligently works without loosing her smile to help make a successful prom.

THE FINAL BELL

The halls fill with joys and tears as the seniors' last year ends.

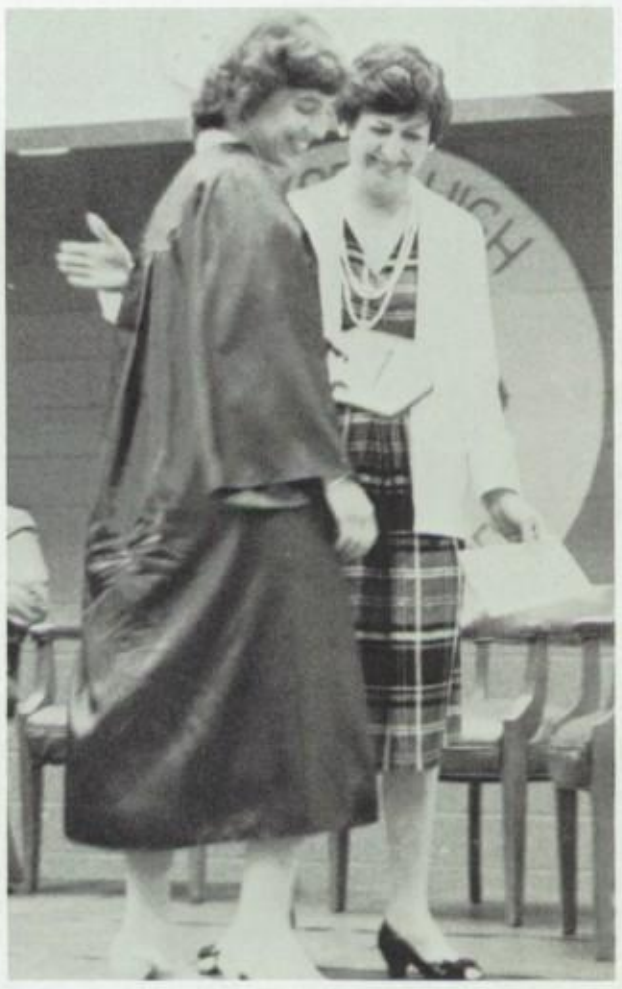
The class of 1985 was joyous when they finally received their diplomas after twelve long years of hard work. This was a time for new beginnings and many tearful endings. Besides being faced with leaving close friends and loved ones, they were also about to confront the world by fulfilling lifelong ambitions and dreams. The past four years spent at HHS were just a stepping stone into the future and now that they have crossed that bridge there are infinite numbers of things yet to be desired and accomplished. The goals, hopes, and dreams that have been held within since childhood can now become reality. Some cried while others looked on smiling happily. Yet this was just another night which became a memory along with thousands of others.



Lining up to receive their hard-earned diplomas, seniors are ready for adulthood and new beginnings, such as college, jobs, and families.

Ringing the victory bell 12 times, seniors Don Murphy and Liz Ashman celebrate the end of homework, teachers, and exams.

Obtaining his diploma for twelve long years of hard work, senior Andrew Cook joyously receives a handshake from Superintendent Stuart Thompson.



All the time spent working equations, pondering over word problems, and graphing parabolas, paid off for senior Melinda Taylor who received the math award for having the highest average.

During the Award's Day assembly, Mr. Gibbs presents the drama award to a very exciting senior, Shelly Peck, while Principal Henry Williamson watches with pride.

What They're Doing In Hickory

Do We Have Rights?

A national debate that concerns teenagers everywhere is the controversial topic of a record rating system. Many political leaders, including a group of Senators' wives calling themselves the Parents Music Resource Center are outraged by lyrics that deal with such taboo subjects as satanism, drugs, and sex. Parents are beginning to fear that rock music is a negative influence on teens. As a result of this anxiety, rock music opponents are suggesting that a rating be placed on album covers.

People involved in the music industry are angered by the proposed rating system. Many musicians feel the ratings would infringe upon their right to freedom of speech. Others say that the ratings will only tempt young people to buy certain albums. Rock artists have joined forces in an effort to stop the system. Two example of this are Frank Zappa and the lead singer of Twisted Sister, Dee Snider, who voiced their opinions at a Congressional hearing.

The outcome remains to be decided; however, either way there will be a large number of people dissatisfied with the results.

The Nation Grieves

This spine-chilling quote was heard from NASA transmission on Jan. 28, 1986, at 11:40 a.m. The space shuttle **Challenger** exploded while millions of people were watching. All seven passengers — Dick Scobee, Judith Resnik, Crista McAuliffe, Ellison Onizuka, Ronald McNair, Michael Smith, and Gregory Jarvis — were instantly killed.

The day began with yet another delay for the crew. Later, when all was ready, they took off. The last fatal words uttered from the Challenger Capt. Dick Scobee in response to Mission Control's order was, "Roger, go with throttle up." The NASA officials at Mission Control continued to issue orders, not realizing the horror that had just happened. In just 73 seconds, a new era in space travel exploded into a heart-breaking nightmare.

Ronald Reagan, who had planned to give a state of the union speech that night, hastily changed his plans as he realized the grief that had overcome the nation. His final comforting sentence was, "We will never forget them this morning as they prepared for their journey, and said their goodbye and 'slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God.' " Flags were flown at half staff for the remainder of that week.

Crista McAuliffe, the first teacher in space, was looking forward to teaching lessons from the Challenger. Students across the nation were ready to discover the feeling of weightlessness, and the sensation at being in a spacecraft. Crista was to be the first citizen to go into a vast world of its own called space.

WHAT'S HOT in '86

Car: 1) Porsche, 2) BMW
Hangout: 1) Hickory Foundation Center, 2) Valley Hills Mall
Food: 1) Pizza, 2) Hamburgers
Group: 1) Sting, 2) Dire Straits
Actor: 1) Robert Lowe, 2) Don Johnson
Actress: 1) Kathleen Turner, 2) Ally Sheedy
Movie: 1) St. Elmo's Fire, 2) Back to the Future
College: 1) UNC-CH, 2) State
Jeans: 1) Levi's, 2) Guess?
Gum: 1) Bubble Yum, 2) Wriggley's.

Francis K. (Dick) Scobee was the commanding officer of Challenger, who began his flying career as an Air Force mechanic. On a past mission, he carried a banner that read, "Trojans fly high with Scobee." This symbolic banner was placed in his high school the following week in Cleeum, WA.

The mission's only woman astronaut, Judith Resnik, was working on her pilot's license before she died. She was to be a mission's specialist on the flight. The only black aboard, Ronald McNair, was from Lake City, SC. He wanted to find and explore the world around him. He left behind two children and millions of people who regard him as a hero. Michael Smith grew up in Beaufort, NC. "Everybody looks at the flying the shuttle as something dangerous. But it's not." He commented, "It's a good program, and something the country should be proud of."

Ellison Onizuka grew up in Kealokekica, on the coast of the Hawaiian islands. When he was young, his mind was on the stars. One dream of his was to continue traveling in space for as long as he could.

Gregory Jarvis was born in Detroit where he loved gazing at the stars. He was put off twice to go into space. When the reporter last talked to him, he said, "I feel very confident. I'm excited, but not nervous."

We, at the high school feel that we will never forget the seven people who long be regarded as pioneers of the vast unknown, we call space.

AROUND THE GLOBE

The lives of five fortunate people were drastically changed this summer as they set out to travel the world. Chosen by AFS to represent their school, seniors Andrea Towery, Kim A. Huffman, Denee Gravitte, Kim S. Huffman, and Kent Kercher, journeyed their way to all corners of the earth ... All of them admitted that their experience was invaluable and that they wouldn't trade it for anything.

France became the stomping ground for Andrea Towery as she improved her French and learned about the culture of the land. She began her stay at L'Ecole International de Paris, a boarding school for foreigners. During her stay, she toured the famous sights of Paris and travelled to Switzerland several times. She then moved to Haute Savoie where she stayed with three different families. While there, she enjoyed the quiet country life and the hospitality of the true French. Andrea enjoyed the best of two worlds, the bustle of the city and the serenity of the country.

Kim A. Huffman spent her summer in the northern part of Germany, near Hamburg.

As one of the AFS exchange students, Kim S. Huffman got the chance to experience Greek culture by exploring the ancient ruins on the island of Crete.

Her first family, the Knigges, showed her the museums, lakes, and customs of the area. Kim's stay there ended with July when she went to join the Schaffer family. Here she also encountered the big city life as she travelled to Cologne, and East and West Berlin. She noticed the high degree of Americanism, especially the popularity of Levi's, Garfield, and Mickey Mouse. She became so attached to the German life that she hopes to return this summer.

Kim S. Huffman became the first exchange student to visit Crete from Hickory High. She stayed in the small town of Archanes near the coast with the Tzorzakakus family. They owned a vineyard and cafe on the island. Her father was very involved in politics and Kim attended a few rallies with him. Not only learning about the politics of the land, Kim tested much of their cuisine, including octopus, squid, rabbit, goat, and lamb. Kim really learned a lot about the history of the Cretians and the island as a whole.

The city of Potosi, Brazil played home to Denee Gravitte during her two-month stay. The kindness of the people, most of whom live on the poverty level, struck Denee more so than anything. She claims that they would do anything for you. Although they are poor, they don't spend all their time worrying about money. Most of the upper class people like to have parties and everyone likes to attend the soccer games. The inflation rate in the country is 9000% and Denee found some really great buys on hand-knit items. Her stay in Bolivia was so much fun that Denee plans to return in a few years.

Another foreign exchange student, Kent Kercher, visited Adelaide, Australia for the summer. Although he said the school subjects are the same as the States, the schools are much more strict and the students must wear uniforms. He found the weather there to be a little chilly, especially after the sun went down. Kent's biggest thrill was visiting Ayers rock in the Northern Terrace. All in all, Kent profited from his experiences abroad, as did the other four exchangees.

During Kent Kercher's stay in Australia he met one of those animals you always hear about but never actually see, a kangaroo.

COUNT ON ME

Out of all the kinds of beauty in the world, that of a friendship is perhaps the most special type. The teen-age years require probably more understanding and devotion than any other period in a life. The friendships founded in high school provide the building blocks for a lifetime of brotherly love.

Around the age of thirteen, people have to learn how to deal with others and a true friend is there to help. Whether two friends only see each other at school or if they regularly have sleep-overs and talk all night one person can have more than one "best" friend, in a different context.

To have someone to help out with Trig. homework, or work on that biology lab or talk about anything from cars, to parents, to guys, girls, to why we are here, a friend is always a friend. And one could not exist without the other.

Sharing time together as friends, Jeff Shufford and Ricky Smith talk about the lyrics of a new song by LL Cool J. Jeff and Ricky have been friends since the fifth grade and are still going strong.

A Social Epidemic

Over a million teenage girls get pregnant every year. That means approximately forty percent of the girls who are now fourteen will be pregnant at least once before reaching age twenty. With statistics like that, teenage pregnancy is now an American epidemic.

The myth that only poverty-stricken young girls become teenage mothers has been shattered. There is no longer a stereotype for the unwed mother. She can be found among blacks and whites, the rich and the poor. An upper-class debutante is just as likely to find herself pregnant as a girl who lives in the ghetto of New York City. Teenage pregnancy is a far-reaching problem that affects everyone. In fact, American taxpayers must shell out close to nine billion dollars to support teenage mothers.

Why is the birth rate among teenagers rising with alarming speed? Many believe the "negative" influence of movies, television, and rock music are the reasons premarital sex among teens is now commonplace. Others attribute the number of teenage pregnancies to the lack of sex education. Family planning personnel have learned that many teenage girls become pregnant intentionally to gain a sense of worth and identity.

Pregnant teens in Hickory have several alternatives. Many mothers choose to keep their babies, while others unselfishly give up their offspring for adoption. The Alternate School provides parenting courses and evening classes for the unwed mother who cannot attend regular high school. Some teenagers cannot deal with the problems having a child would cause, so they opt for abortion. In spite of these alternatives, teenager pregnancy remains a tragedy.

Many teenage mothers who find out that child care is expensive and sometimes hard to optain drop out of school to take care of their babies.

Warming the Bench

In every team sport, there is always a starting team and a back up team. These backups are usually called "bench warmers."

When asked did he feel bench warmers were important Curtis Cunningham, Jr., the slot back for the J.V. football team, said "Yes, I think they are very important. If someone from the starting team gets hurt, then they are there to take his place."

At the same time Brian Griffith, nose-guard for the varsity football team, was asked if he thought bench warmers were treated fairly he said " No, they really don't get much playing time, but if it's a close game and your starters are your best players, then you have to keep them in."

As can be seen, bench warmers are a very important part of the team especially when a member of the first team is injured. Even though they are a necessary part of the team they are not always treated fairly.

Ready to join the game, bench warmers for the JV boys' basketball team sit on edge, awaiting their turn to play.

Todays Rock Idols

Music expresses the way we feel, act, and think toward life, and can give us relaxation or even a career depending on what we want to do. Maybe that is why music is so important to so many. It gives the artist a chance to say what he feels and create a masterpiece of his own design.

What makes a rock star? Where do you find one? Well, not one person can just pick out a guy and instantly ZAP!!! him into an artist of words, because that is what a singer happens to be, an artist of words. We all have the ability in us, but to develop this ability could take years or may never happen. Guess what? The chances are it will never happen, but don't let this discourage your ambitions, because all rock stars including Phil Collins, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Heart, Lionel Richie, and Bryan Adams took the same chances and beat the odds.

Not So Unusual "Unusual" People

It seems that in every school, office, or even home there are always one or two individuals who stray from the beaten path. At this school too we have our share of unusual people, and they are too often shunned away because they are not understood.

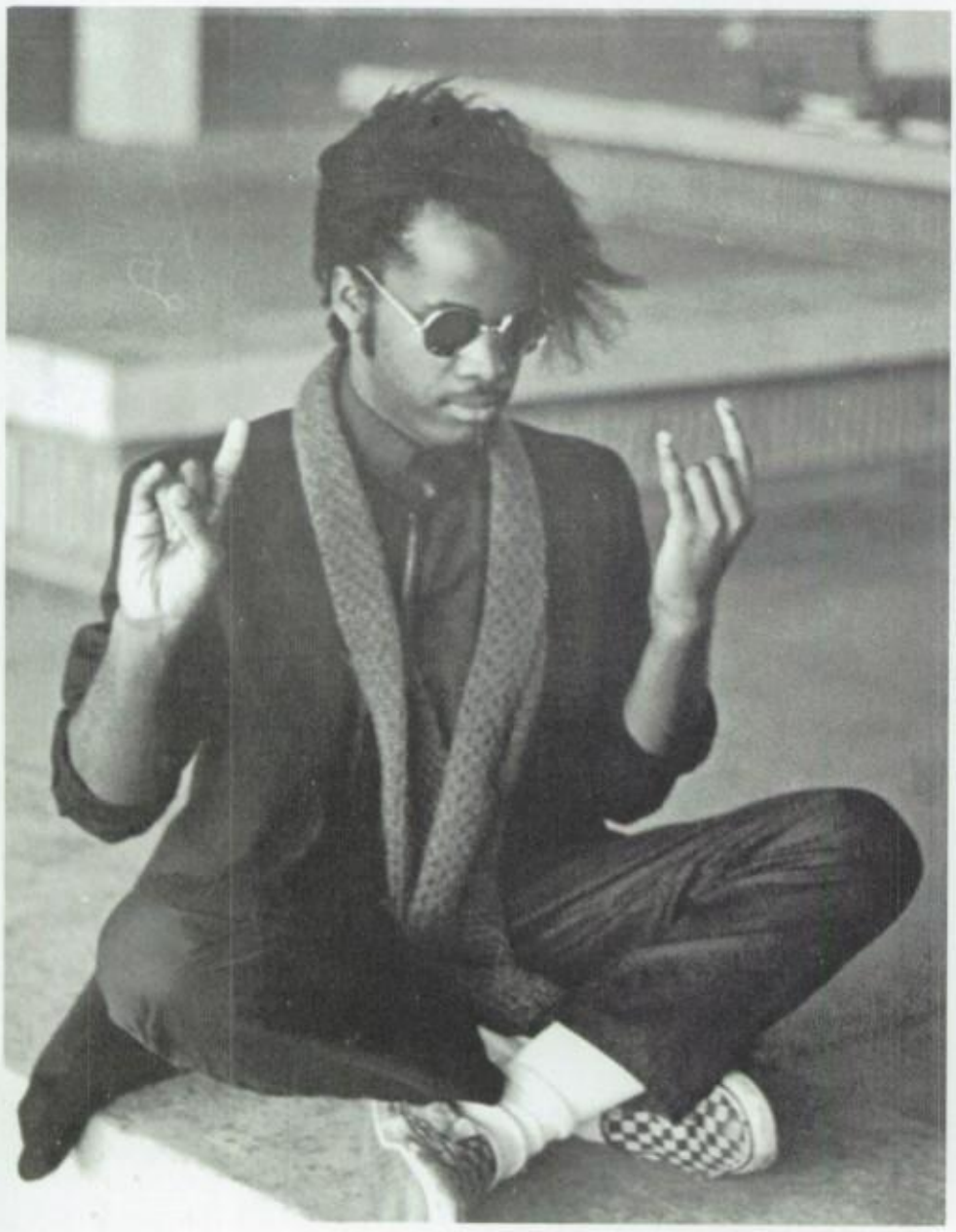
One "unusual" young man, a junior Stephan Derr has often caused people to take a second look because of his out-of-the ordinary appearance. His hair hanging down in his face is not weird and neither are his clothes, but rather "an expression of my attitude and my personality. I like long hair and whether or not it looks good is not the important thing . . . it is how it suits my style." Stephan is in love with music, as many are, and he plays eleven different instruments, self-taught in all but one, the clarinette. He says, I write music, record it, and I'm in a few groups." But Stephan is just like the rest of us in some respects. He has minor arguments with his parents occasionally and sometimes becomes disgusted with school life. He is not a "favorite topic of conversation" for himself, he would much rather discuss music or something philosophical.

Christy Hunsicker can also be classified as unusual. Her clothes look as though she just stepped out of "Vogue" but she does not "really concentrate on" her appearance. She loves hard core punk music and the Rocky Horror Picture Show. In fact, she goes to Rocky Horror every Saturday night with her friends. Although a lot of her friends do not attend HHS, she still enjoys her classes and loves to study. This seems rare these days indeed.

Christy describes herself as open-minded, very vocal, and friendly. One of her pet peeves is close-mindedness. She says hard core punk music for example, "people could care or at least give it a chance."

She tends to be somewhat of a procrastinator but that is a problem we all deal with at one time or another. Christy has arguments with her parents because she is often on opposite sides of an issue with them. However, everything turns out all right in the end. Probably one of the most unusual things about Christy is her spirit of friendliness. She says, "Anyone who wants to be my friend can, because I like everybody." There are very few people around who can say that.

So the next time you see someone "unusual," do not shy away. You may have just found a very good friend.



"I like long hair and whether or not it looks good is not the important thing . . . it is how it suits my style."

While constantly striving to maintain sophistication and originality, junior Stephen Derr meditates to organize his thoughts and feelings.

Hours of Intrigue

Night time soaps have become increasingly popular, not just to mothers and daughters, but to fathers and sons as well. As freshman Eve Szentesi commented "Everything ceases when Dynasty comes on." Danny Marrow watches Dynasty because it seems like "it is really happening." Soap operas focus on such trivial things as working in a hospital to what would seem to some as one of life's tragedies, a crush on a good looking guy.

"Like the sands of an hourglass so are the Days Of Our Lives." Many soap operas today influence students' lives. "Soaps" as they have been called have taken many directions from the involved romances to the lives and individuals of families and everyday life. Not only do soaps affect the lives of students, but many mothers drop everything when the hours of intrigue begins. How many girls don't do anything but watch soaps from the time school is out until the time they go to sleep at night.

Soaps prove to be captivating as Freshman Allison Cathey remains glued to the T.V. as life in the outer world continues.

Cutting It Up

Varying from the wild to weird, many different hairstyles were popular this year. Among those are: rattails, wedges, and spikes.

The boys styles did not change much this year, but there were a few exceptions. John Nagel, Todd Rudisill, and Brian Wistehuff all sported unusual hairstyles. Senior Glen Roseman comments, "I think boys should have fairly short hair, and the girls, fairly long hair. And I like redheads. Please contact." The boys all around hair style was short on the top and long in the back.

The girls on the other hand, was quite different from the boys. The girls' hairstyles were either long on the top and short on the bottom, or medium length and a rattail. Junior Robin Gerrard says, "I think hairstyles should reflect one's personality. They shouldn't be duplicates of everyone's cut, but should express their own attitude and style." Many girls, although, got up at six o'clock in the morning to wash, condition, rinse, mousse, dry, and curl their hair.

No matter how anyone sums it up, people's hairstyles constantly change with the times.

Hairstyles may go out but price never go down as Freshman Kathy Vaughn gets her hair done.

Double Take

How would you like to see yourself walking down the hall? Most of us will never face this situation but identical twins Angie and Liane Schronce do everyday. Though it is a little easier now to tell them apart, they admit that playing jokes on teachers and friends used to be a lot of fun. "Now that we're older, it's not much fun when people get us mixed up, especially guys," says Liane. Angie adds, "We're closer than normal sisters, but we like to be separate people." Some people believe that twins have such as special closeness that they can sense each other's emotions. Liane tells of the time when she was twelve years old and broke her arm. She laughs and says, "I stayed calm, but Angie was crying hysterically.

Fraternal twins Heather and Bert Young obviously don't have the problem of being mistaken for each other. Although they are close, both stress the importance of being individuals. Heather believes that she and Bert think alike, and she can usually tell when something is wrong with Bert. "It's pretty easy to tell when she is upset," Bert responds.

The advantage of being a twin are clear: a close friend, a helping hand, and lots of fun. Of course, there are the drawbacks, such as sharing your birthday. Also, the way

Liane and Angie looking in a mirror?

people react when they see twins is very predictable. "When we were little it got really annoying," comments Heather, "because people would always come up and say 'Oh twins, how cute!'" Although twins are close and usually thought of as a pair, the most important need they have is to be accepted as individuals.

Is the School Ever Empty?

Curtis Cunningham stands along trying to decide his plans for summer, proving that the school is never empty.

Day or night, weekday or weekend, there is always someone here. Monday through Friday, 8 to 4, the halls (and occasionally classrooms) reverberate with the sounds and enthusiasm of excited teenagers. But what about after four? Who's here then? Well it is not uncommon for consciousness teachers to stay at school to work until six sometimes even ten in the evening. Coach Frye says, "I come here often on Sunday afternoons." Of course, there are always sports, either practice or the real thing. Coaches and players hang around until anywhere from eight to eleven at night. Especially after a winning game like when the football team stomped McDowell 55 to 0.

It is difficult to imagine where this school would be without organization such as French Club or FBLA. Mr. Brackenhoff makes the comment, "We try to keep clubs going on Monday and Thursday nights, but you'll always have special meetings." OK. So teachers and students stay as late as eleven at night, but who is here after that. Albert!

Albert Reid lives in the school. Without someone like him, teachers and students wouldn't be able to get in the school after hours. He also helps prepare the school for special events like concerts, plays, and banquets. Those few forgetful students who manage to forget their books are also graced with Albert's presence when they come around on Saturday mornings or afternoons to pick them up.

Mom, I mean Mrs. . . .

Parents or Teachers: BOTH!

What is it like to have a close relative going to the same school with you? Opinions on this subject vary, as some people like it and some just do not. From interviews given to ten H.H.S. students, most of them say they like having a brother or sister in school with them and all of them agree that there are disadvantages as well as advantages.

Bobby Dettelbach, a senior, says that one of the reasons he enjoys having his younger sister in the same school with him is because "I get to know more people (girls) through her." Likewise, Barbara, Bobby's sister, says "Through Bobby, I get to meet a lot of the older guys." However, she says that there is the disadvantage of being known as "Bobby's little Sister."

Most people think that having a parent as a teacher in the same school with them would be disastrous, but those who really do have their parents in school with them say that it is O.K. Robyne Stone, for example says, "I don't mind having my mom going to the same school with me because she can help me with the books I read and homework I do in class because she has all the cliffnotes and answers I need. Of course she doesn't give them *all* to me!" There are disadvantages though, as Robyne points out, "with my mom as a teacher, I can't get away with 'certain things'." Scott, Robyne's brother, feels about the way she does about their mom being a teacher but says the part he does not like is that "Some of my friends are in her class and when she gives them too much homework, they all come to me to complain."

Trouble with parents as teachers? It seems not to both Mrs. Stone and son, Scott as they have a quick chat during school.

The Only Ones Left

One can always spot them, they are the ones with ink all over the side of their hand, the ones with bruised elbows from always bumping people while eating, the ones who cannot cut paper without special scissors. No, they are not a group of mutants, they're lefties. A special breed that often finds it difficult surviving in a right-handed world. Even such simple things as sitting in the desks or writing in a spiral notebook are trouble for many. Luckily, inventions such as left-handed desks and spiral notebooks with the spiral on the opposite side have been made. Math teacher, Mrs. McNeeley becomes aggravated when left-handed students don't take advantage of the opportunities that they have been given. "When I went to school, there was no such thing as left-handed desks. It was real trouble every time I got out my books and papers." The small minority of Lefties at Hickory High are definitely finding it easier to manager their studies.

As the saying goes, "Everyone is born right-handed, only the smart ones overcome it." A large group of notable celebrities are lefties, and proud of it. They include: actor on the way up, Andrew McCarthy; tennis stars, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe; and Carolina basketball star, Steve Hale. It has been thought that lefties were smarter and more creative than their right-handed counterparts and with Hickory High teachers Mrs. Overcash, Miss Morris, and Mrs. McNeeley heading the list, this fact proves true.

Although life does tend to be troublesome for some lefties, "there are certain advantages. Junior Angela Threewitt says, "I love the attention that I get for being different." From day one, teachers, parents, friends pay more attention to the special needs of their kids. All in all, being a leftie is not all bad considering the recognition that one gets just for favoring one hand over the other."

Being a leftie proves to be no problem for Mrs. Gragg and her student Holly Robinson. Although chalk dust did happen to accummulate on the side of her hand, Mrs. Gragg was able not to smear what she had written.

No Matter How You . . .

Say It Say It Say It

Dedicated to Serving School and Community

A warm personality and a strong desire to achieve were the best words possibly to describe this year's John Motley Morehead Scholar, Kim A. Huffman. This award provides nearly $30,000 in grant to pay the undergraduate's tuition, fees, room and board, and other living expenses for four years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, including summer enrichment programs each year.

In order to win, Kim had to be nominated by the faculty and administration, then was interviewed and chosen by the county and district committees then finally by the central selection committee at UNC. The committee members told Miss Huffman that student motivation was a key consideration in the selection process. She merely replied, "There's never been any ultimatum by my parents. It makes me feel irresponsible as a person to see something that needs to be done and I don't do it. I guess it's just something inside you."

Not only does the award mean a lot to Kim but also her parents, especially her father, a UNC graduate. She recalled the day she got the letter of acceptance. "When I opened my letter, my father was home with me. I said, I want to open it alone — I don't want you to see my face when I read it. When she learned she was a winner, "I went and hugged him (her Father) and he cried."

Kim will begin reaping the benefits of her award this summer after graduation. She will participate in the Outward Bound program as her 1986 summer enrichment opportunity. After that she will begin freshmen studies at UNC in the fall, where she plans to major in English, with an ultimate goal of studying international corporate law.

Hard work and dedication paid off for the Class of '86's valedictorian, Kim A. Huffman. She was the first person in nearly twenty years to win the award from Hickory High.

In-School-Suspension Pays Off

For three to five days, you must sit in a small classroom and do what? Homework that you miss in those days. That's what you're supposed to do, yet some try to sleep and others just sit and stare at the walls. If Mrs. Setzer sees you . . . she will put you back to work on something of her choice or yours. There are two breaks to stretch out during the day plus a break for lunch. No matter whether you are sitting in class or on your break there is NO talking at all!

So what is the reason for ISS? To keep students from running all over Hickory High when they should be in school studying. Even with the name "jail", some ex-inmates say ISS is not that bad, but they would not want to be apart from their friends to spend their days in isolation.

What happens when you get caught for skipping school? You get sent to jail, better known as In-School-Suspension. Mr. Brakenhoff, assistant principal says that ISS is an "alternate warning system." Mr. Williamson comments that it does not take the place of anything as in Out-of-School-Suspension. The school board decided on this form of punishment because of community complaints about too many OSS students causing trouble.

There are only about ten percent of the students at HHS who have experienced ISS, that is 140 of 1400 people. Even with this amount not getting away, there have been a few days that no one has been locked up, however, on other days they have the maximum of 15 students.

Punishment can get tedious, but these two students take a breaker during one of the three breaks they are allowed during the day.

Keeping busy so as not to get behind in his schoolwork, this student is determined not to waste his time in ISS

A Student's Life

The alarm goes off — BRRRIING — it's Monday. Stumble out of bed and hope that the hot water gets you going. So what if you didn't do your weekend homework? Nobody else did either and you spend all day just trying to catch up. The week progresses, slowly, and by "Hump Day" you're practically going crazy. Thursday comes, though, and weekend plans begin to take shape — life is getting better. And then, the day comes — IT'S FRIDAY! and we are ready for the weekend. This is the life of a typical high school student — 180 days, 36 weeks, 4 years. Enjoy it while you've got it!

August

As the days of summer wind to a close, these three juniors — Beth Thompson, Ann Prevatte, and Heather Young — celebrate one of the last good days on the lake.

September

Summer is ending and school is beginning as usual in the month of September. Talking about their summer fun, Freshman Gayla Bridges and senior Jann King stand by the rail.

October

One of the out-of-the-ordinary events that takes place in October is Homecoming. Before the big game. Mrs. Frye and the freshmen cheerleaders sell garnet and gold balloons.

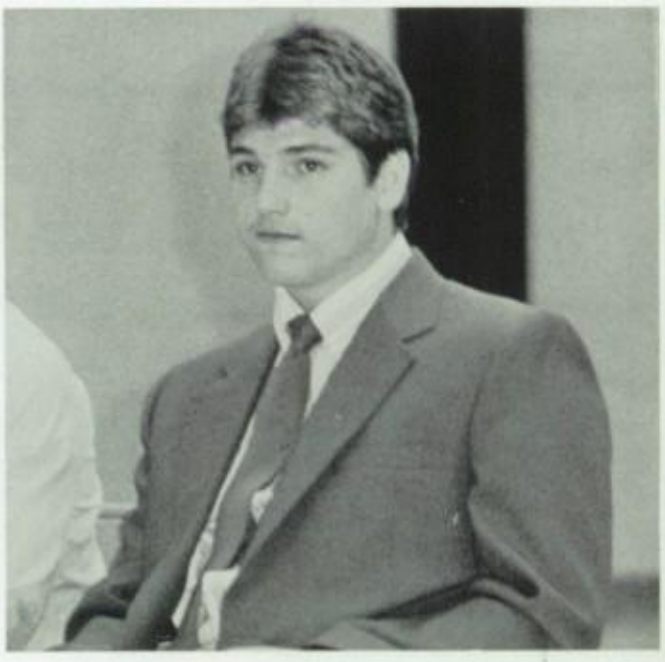
February

Finding time for romance, freshman Patrick Burnside takes a peek to see if any flowers are for him. In February, flowers, candy, and balloons are a way of expression.

March

Mainly a time to learn about the customs of other countries, World Wide Weekend is also a time for fun. These two girls from West Germany and Ireland speak to students about their foreign lives.

April



As springtime comes, so does April which is election time around Hickory High. Soon to be Senior Class President Brad Crump listens with anticipation while his opponent gives her speech.

November

Never giving up, the Tornadoes faced Ashbrook in the playoffs during November, but never-the-less were defeated.

December

Decorations added to the holiday spirit as Senior Tabitha Cunningham painted this picture of Mary and the baby Jesus.

January

Just beginning to plan for the prom, juniors Suzanne Spivey and David Dillion go through a list of arrangements to be made.

May

Making the prom a success was the goal of the junior class in May. The gateway was painted with the help of Ashley Snow.

June

Just get this over with is the expression on Eddie Alala's face while practicing for the big event . . . Graduation.

July

Just foolin' around in the month of July, Senior Lisa Bradford "attempts" to make a shot while playing pool at the Center.

C'EST LAVIE!

FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGE DAY TO WORLD WIDE WEEKEND

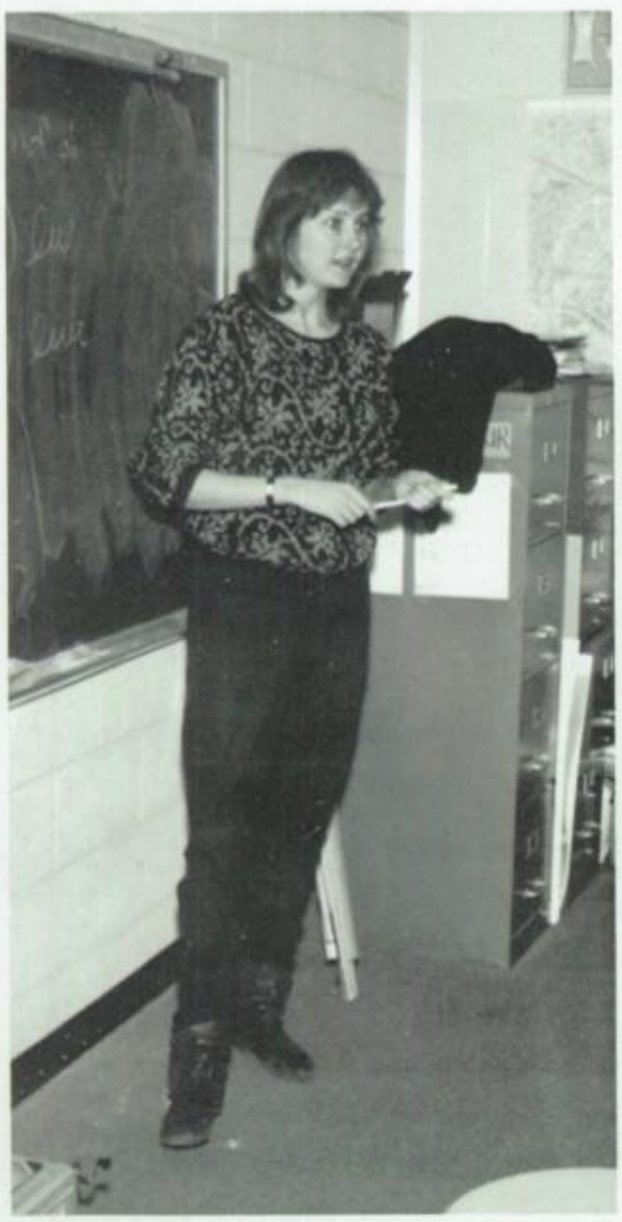
The French Club provides the French students with an extra opportunity to be exposed to be cultures of French-speaking lands. It is open to all French students.

The club meets once a month at which there are programs, travelogues, and guest speakers.

Officers were: Katie McDowell, president; Dawn Zentner, vice-president; Angela Threewitt, secretary; Twila Welch, treasurer; and Ginny Smith and Heather George, historians.

The club sponsored a bake sale with proceeds going to charity or a local volunteer project and World Wide Weekend. They also went caroling in hospitals and nursing homes. A trip to France was taken during Spring break.

First Row: Cheryl Strickland, Mary Beth Loucks, Jenny Lutz, Suzanne Kurad, Dawn Zentner, Katie McDowell, Angela Threewitt, and Miss Morris. Second Row: Suzanne Yee, Stephanie Lane, Heather George, Ginny Smith, and Kim A. Huffman. Third Row: Kim Stinson, Ann Thomas, Shannon Spainhour, Melanie Taylor, Min Kim, Ashley Snow, and Kent Kercher. Fourth Row: Christy Rueter, Carla Hipplar, Tracey Field, Beth Thompson, Donna Eckard, Meredith Miller, and Deanna Carter. Fifth Row: Diana Schaedle, Amy Clegg, Erin Mahon, Julia Smith, Heather Deal, Mary Be Swatzel. Sixth Row: Jennifer Gaither, Robin Suttle, Cami Setzer, Anna Portwood, Merrill Fowler, Amy Hagar, and Laura Pruitt. Seventh Row: Billy Benson, Scott Cline, Beth Hagar, Suzanne Spivey, and John Trainer. Eighth Row: Bert Young, Toby Texer, Erica Newton, Sara Lunow, John Simon, and Kevin O'Toole.



Shown here Miss Morris is teaching one of her many interesting French classes. Miss Morris is also advisor to French Club and French Honor Society.

First Row: Marc Swann, Jennifer Gwaltney, Donna Canipe, Sonja Bisbee, Michelle Teague. Second Row: Kay Reese, Marnie Beach, Stephanie Sipe, Susan Eaton, Kim Avetta, and Jessica Cooke. Third Row: Patrick Featherstone, Stephen Lovekin, Mandy Pitts, Amy Smith, Carolyn Washer, and Elizabeth Lane. Fourth Row: Dion Santi, Will Mathiason, Carol Hancock, Brad Boyd, Julie Cody and Robyne Stone. Fifth Row: Wesley Compton, Peter Mullins, Kim S. Huffman, Kim Ennis, Monica Hamilton, and Emily Outen.

"THAT'S LIFE"
FROM THE CLASSROOM
ALL THE WAY TO PARIS

Members of French Club and French Honor Society are shown here at the Christmas covered dish dinner. The dinner was sponsored by the clubs.

The main purpose of French Honor Society is to further the knowledge of the French language and culture. The club was originated for the students who maintained an "A" average in French.

The club meets monthly and plans to have a "Fete de Rois." That is a French game. They also plan to hold an Induction ceremony at the end of the year.

Officers were: Beth Kim, president; Shannon Hefner, vice-president; Vanessa James, secretary; Bert Young, treasurer; and Flore Fouquet, Anne Prevatte, and Dawn Zentner, historians.

First Row: Miss Morris, Carolyn Washer, Beth Kim, Sharon Spainhour, Stephanie Lane, Jeff Henson, and Michelle Teague. Second Row: Kim A. Huffman, Kim Stinson, Kelly Corbett, Anne Prevatte. Third Row: Kent Kercher, Heather George, Merrill Fowler, Robyne Stone, and Julia Smith. Fourth Row: Ginny Smith, Laura Pruitt, Angela Threewitt, Toby Texer, Caroline Triplett, and Kevin Miklausich. Fifth Row: Deanna Carter, Katie McDowell, and John Trainer. Sixth Row: Bert Young, Dawn Zentner, Cheryl Strickland, Michelle Baba, Sara Lunow, and Keith Williams.

Junior Monica Hamilton was one of the lucky few who traveled to Paris, France, over Spring break.

Globe Comes To Hickory

World Wide Weekend, one of the most anticipated times of the year, brought many foreign students to share their cultures with HHS. Ms. Morris' classes alone saw young men and women come and go from over 12 different countries. This is not the only surprised look we got from our visitors.

First Row: Amy Hager, Monica Hamilton, Heather George, Erica Sides, Robin Suttle, Amy Clegg, and Charlie Henry. Second Row: Michelle Johnson, Marcellena Huffman, Melissa Powell, Andrea Johnson, Heather Young, Suzanne Kurad. Third Row: Jeannie Brown, Tracey Brown, Sara Lunow, Carolyn Bayer, and Gretchen Bowman. Fourth Row: Dion Santi, Sandy Bruner, and Catherine Johnson. Fifth Row: Donna Eckard, Michelle Jones, Will Mathiason, Lee Thomas, Elizabeth Lane, and Julie Cody. Sixth Row: Kim A. Huffman, Michelle Baba, Beth Thompson, Ann Forehand, and Robyne Stone. Seventh Row: Robin Lineberger, Clive Willis, John Simon, Amy Simmons, and Paige Cannon.

Mary Masotas, this year's Afs exchange student from Greece, brought with her memories and goals. Proud of her spirit and ability, we thank Mary for coming.

High School!

First Row: Catherine Young, Terri Purcell, Kristen Schulten, Jessica Cook, Kim Avetta, Sonja Bisbee, Stephanie Sipe, Michelle Zanni, and Kim Szentesi. Second Row: Shannon Hefner, David Styers, Kim Saul, Cathy Burger, Michelle Teague, Beth Kim, and Joanne Brouhard. Third Row: John Hyatt, Angela Berasa, Kay Reese, and Cheryl Lowdermilk. Fourth Row: Jenny Hyatt, Mary Be Swatzel, and Melanie Thompson. Fifth Row: Mandy Pitts, Carolyn Washer, Stacy Owen, Linda Nichols, and Leigh Lomax. Sixth Row: Adare Moore, Christy Caywood, Angela Threewitt, Aaron Speagle, Kristy Owen, Emily Outen, and Charlie Nutting. Seventh Row: Kelly Corbett, Kim S. Huffman, Joe Propst, Suzanne Spivey, Anne Prevatte, Ginny Smith, and Alexis Santi. Eighth Row: Meredith Miller, Lisa Pons, Dawn Zentner, and Caroline Triplett. Ninth Row: Carlos Tobon, Cheryl Strickland, and Elizabeth van Deman.

Which weekend is the most awaited of the year? What weekend brings foreign exchange students from many different countries to Hickory? To share their customs and views inside and outside the class? If you haven't guessed already, the answer is World Wide Weekend. World Wide Weekend is sponsored by Globe. The Spanish Club, The French Club, and The Latin Club all take on certain responsibilities to ensure that the weekend runs smoothly. Sending out letters of invitation to over thirty foreign exchange students in the area, making up class schedules for the guest speakers, getting lunch tickets, decorating the mall for the festivities, and coordinating the other activities that take place during the weekend are some of the duties that the clubs take on.

The weekend of March 17, 1986 was therefore full of activity. Host students picked up their respective students on Thursday and then attended a welcoming meeting. Friday the exchange students talked to language, history, and English classes. In this way, students learned what it was like to live in Greece, Portugal, Venezula, Germany, from students of these countries. Students also found out what foreign students thought of the United States. On Saturday, there was a soccer game at the school where the teams were composed of the foreign students and their hosts. Saturday night many participants attended the covered dish dinner, which proved surprisingly fun. The last day, Sunday, brought a continental breakfast and then a worship service.

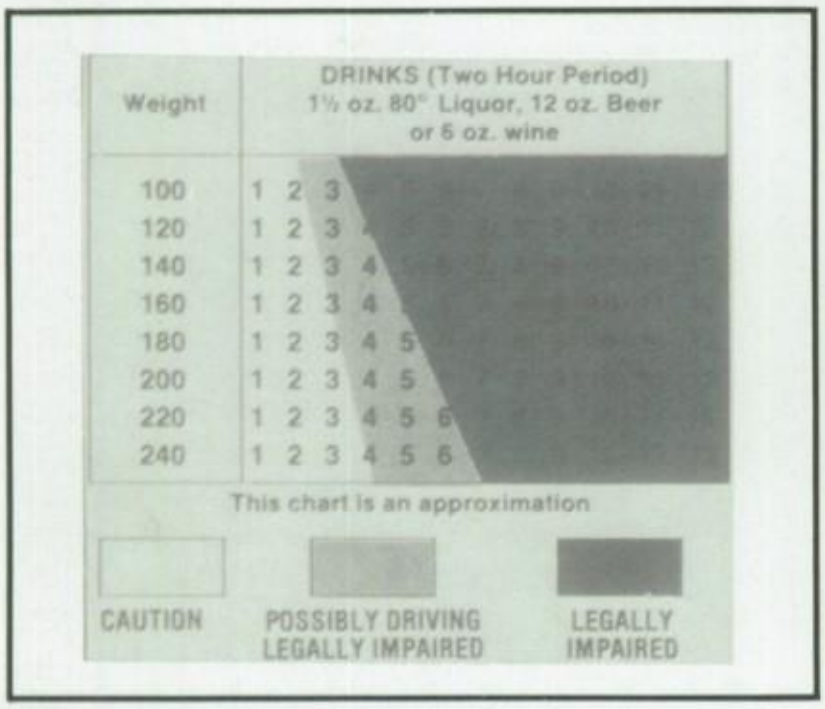
First Row: Kim Van, Nichole Dutton, Andrea Towery, Tracy Lee, Anna Portwood, Cami Setzer, and Sarah Cook. Second Row: Katie Showfety, Denise Newton, Jenny Lutz, Merrill Fowler, Leslie Conley, and Vanessa James. Third Row: Eve Szentesi, Staci Hamm, Amy Bates, Min Kim, Heather Yarnell, Anne Clegg, Katie McDowell, and Deanna Carter. Fourth Row: Jill Brouhard, Jennifer Gwaltney, Yen Le, Marnie Beach, Kent Kercher, Susan Eaton, and Jennifer Binczyk. Fifth Row: Kristen Gardener, Heather Deal, Carla Hipplar, Stephanie Lane, Lisa Ellis, and Sandee Gibbs. Sixth Row: David Dillon and John Lomax.

Students Against Driving Drunk

SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving, is a club that warns people of the serious effects of drinking and driving. This club does not advise people not to drink, only not to drink and drive. SADD was involved in many activities this year such as Tornado Fest and the MADD walk. Also, as a fundraiser they sold keychains.

Ms. Laurie Newman states, "I honestly believe that our SADD chapter along

Stevie Wonder, the national spokesperson for SADD has influenced many young people not to drink and drive. Beside the poster of Stevie is sophomore Amy Hager who reflects this choice with her decision to have a Diet Coke.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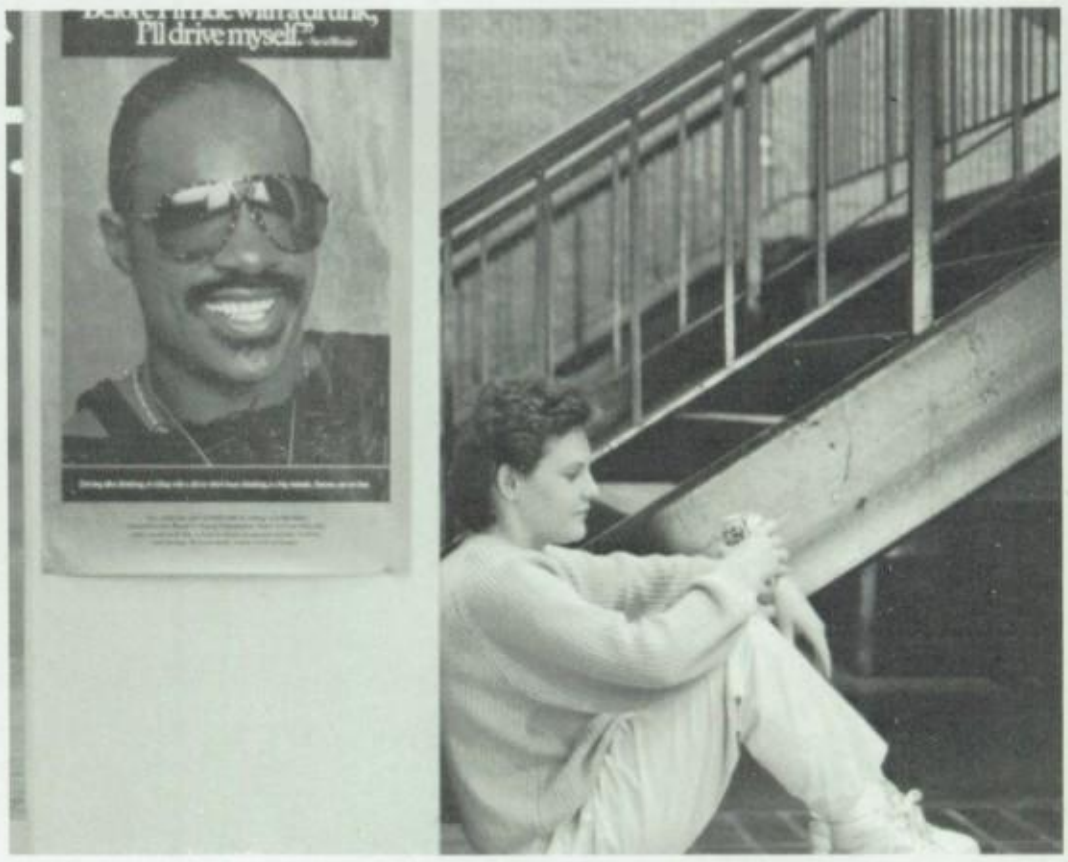

First Row: Michelle Teague, Angie Whitner, Lori Crossley, Karen Hoke, Kim Avetta, Sonja Bisbee, and Susan Eaton. Second Row: Rick Taylor, Heather Young, Christi Caywood, Beth Brown, Carol Williams, and Leah Petree. Third Row: Beth Procter, Christy Wycoff, Lori Morrow, Jody Buff, Kathy Burger, and Debbie Frye. Fourth Row: Jason Finch, Stephen Lovekin, Amy Ferguson, Missy Graves, Carolyn Bayer, Joy Rudisell, Susan Cook, and Laura Pruitt. Fifth Row: Scott Cline, Conrad Fritz, Anne Clegg, Beth Hager, Elizabeth Lane, Joanne Brouhard, and Alisa Gwaltney. Sixth Row: Ryan Quillan, Nichole Dutton, John Hyatt, Erika Newton, Dawn Zentner, and Suzanne Spivey. Seventh Row: Chris Lawhon, Amy Honeycutt, David Dillon, and Andy Mearns. Eighth Row: Kevin O'Toole, Kim Szentesi, Kelly O'Toole, Preston Harkey, Quy Duong, and Harland Dick.

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with other area high school chapters have made an impact on the youth in our community. Through us, MADD, and media coverage, the dangers of drinking and driving are constantly being reinforced. Over the past four years fatalities and serious injuries have decreased at a remarkable rate. Our message is not only important and life-saving, it is simply common sense — Don't Drink and Drive."

Don't Drink

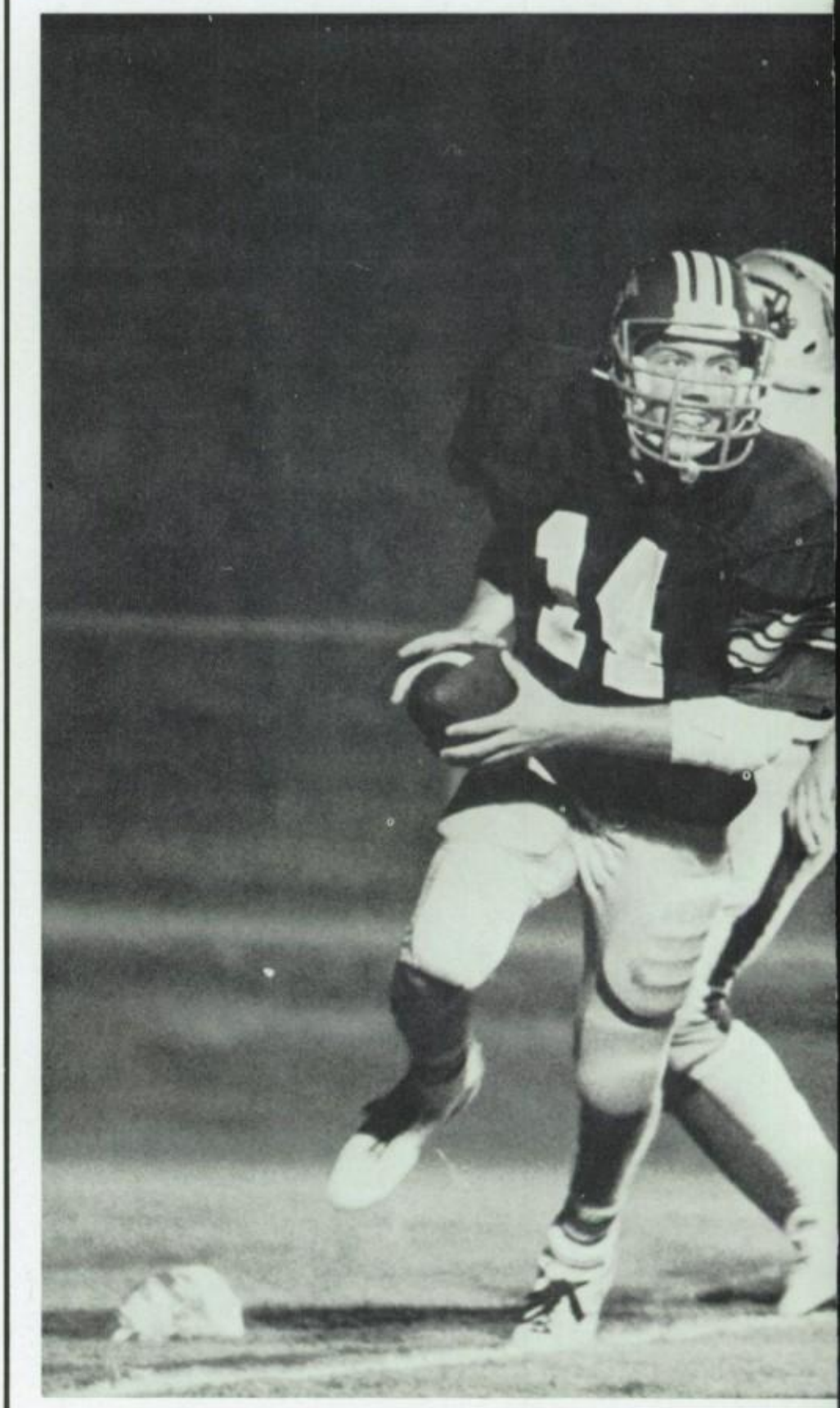
And Drive

Drinking and driving do not mix, as shown by this photo of a car accident resulting from a head-on collison on Roman Mills Road in Salisbury at 9:15 pm. This is just one example of thousands of drinking and driving accidents that occur yearly.

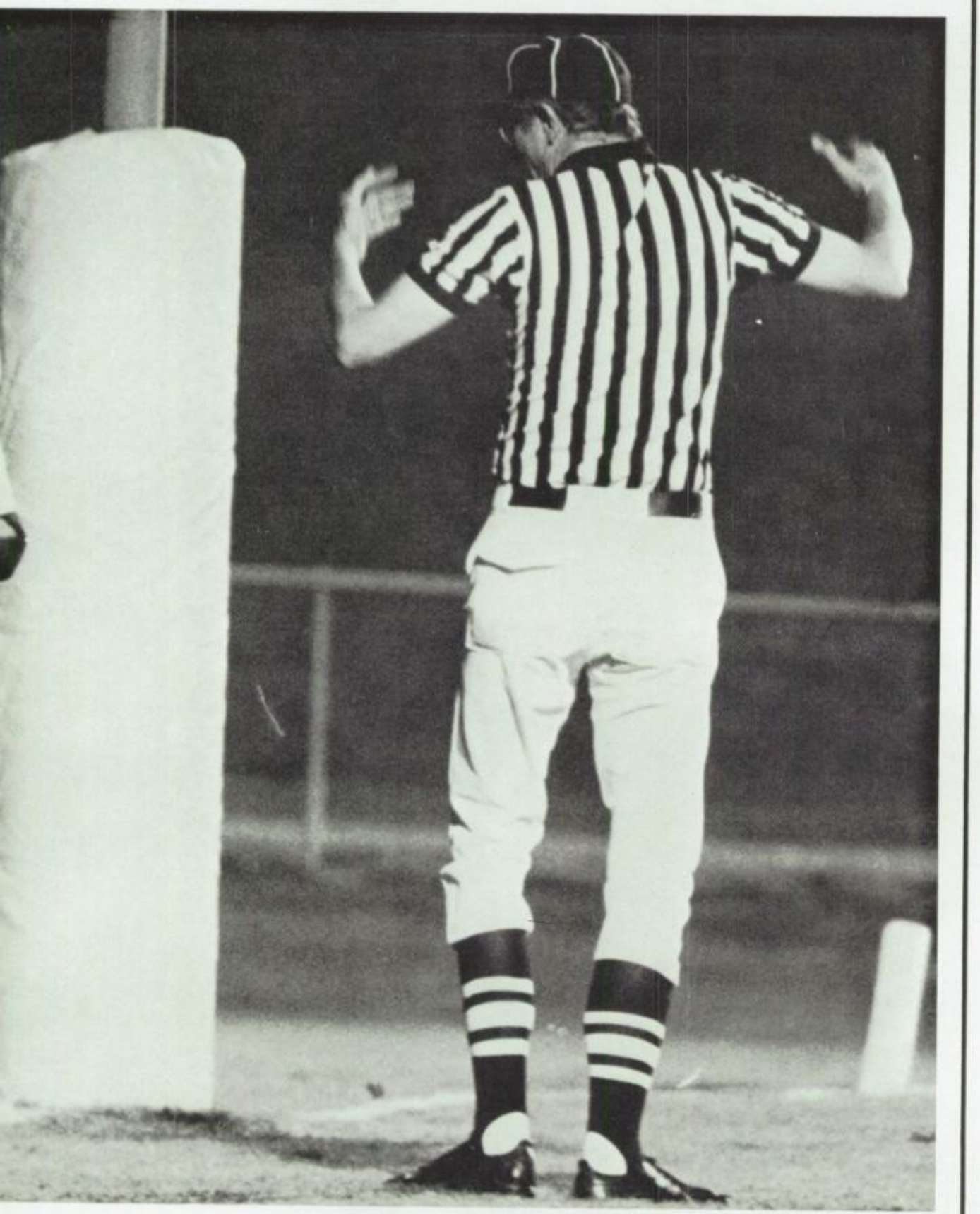
Sports

that figures

The opening day of school not only brought new students to HHS but a new group of gifted athletes from both junior highs and from the closing of North State. The minute the 3:20 bell rang, hundreds of athletes gathered in the breezeway, some in shorts, some in sweats, sharing the same dream for that particular season; to be number ONE! Tornado athletes received their fans' support as football, soccer, and basketball tickets sold more than ever. Students were anxious to see the outcomes of coaching changes — Miss Newman, Mr. Bowne, and Mr. Wittenburg all in new positions; they captured two out of three conference championships; girls tennis and varsity football. The sports' season highlights were reflected in State Playoff competition for soccer, girls tennis, and football, with seniors Mary Henson and Beth Kim reaching the semifinals competition.



With a gleam in his eyes, junior split end Neil Barrier snares a 21-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jimmy Davis to give Hickory a 24-6 lead over West Mecklenburg. The Red Tornadoes would go on to win the game, the first for new head coach Larry Wittenberg, 24-12 en route to a 7-4 overall record and the Northwestern 4-A Conference championship.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Riding An Elevator

When the 1985 Varsity Football season was about to begin, there were several questions that had to be answered. For one, former offensive line coach had been promoted to the head coaching position in August of 1985 following the announced retirement of legendary Hickory head helmsman Frank Barger, who had retired at the end of the 1984-85 school year. Barger had ended his final year of coaching with a 6-4 record, including five straight victories, and with many key players returning to the Red Tornado team in 1985 big things were definitely expected from the new coach.

Fortunately for Wittenberg and the rest of the Hickory Red Tornado team, things fell into the right places as Hickory battled a season's worth of ups and downs en route to its first conference title in five years and its first playoff appearance in six as Hickory compiled a 7-4 overall record and emerged as champions of the new Northwestern 4-A Conference with a 5-1 mark.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	0	Statesville	28
Hickory	24	West Meck	12
Hickory	38	South Caldwell	0
Hickory	0	Shelby	46
Hickory	27	Lincolnton	7
Hickory	13	East Burke	10
Hickory	55	McDowell	0
Hickory	7	Freedom	13
Hickory	43	Watauga	6
Hickory	27	Alexander Central	23
Hickory	6	Ashbrook	30

Conference Record 5-1

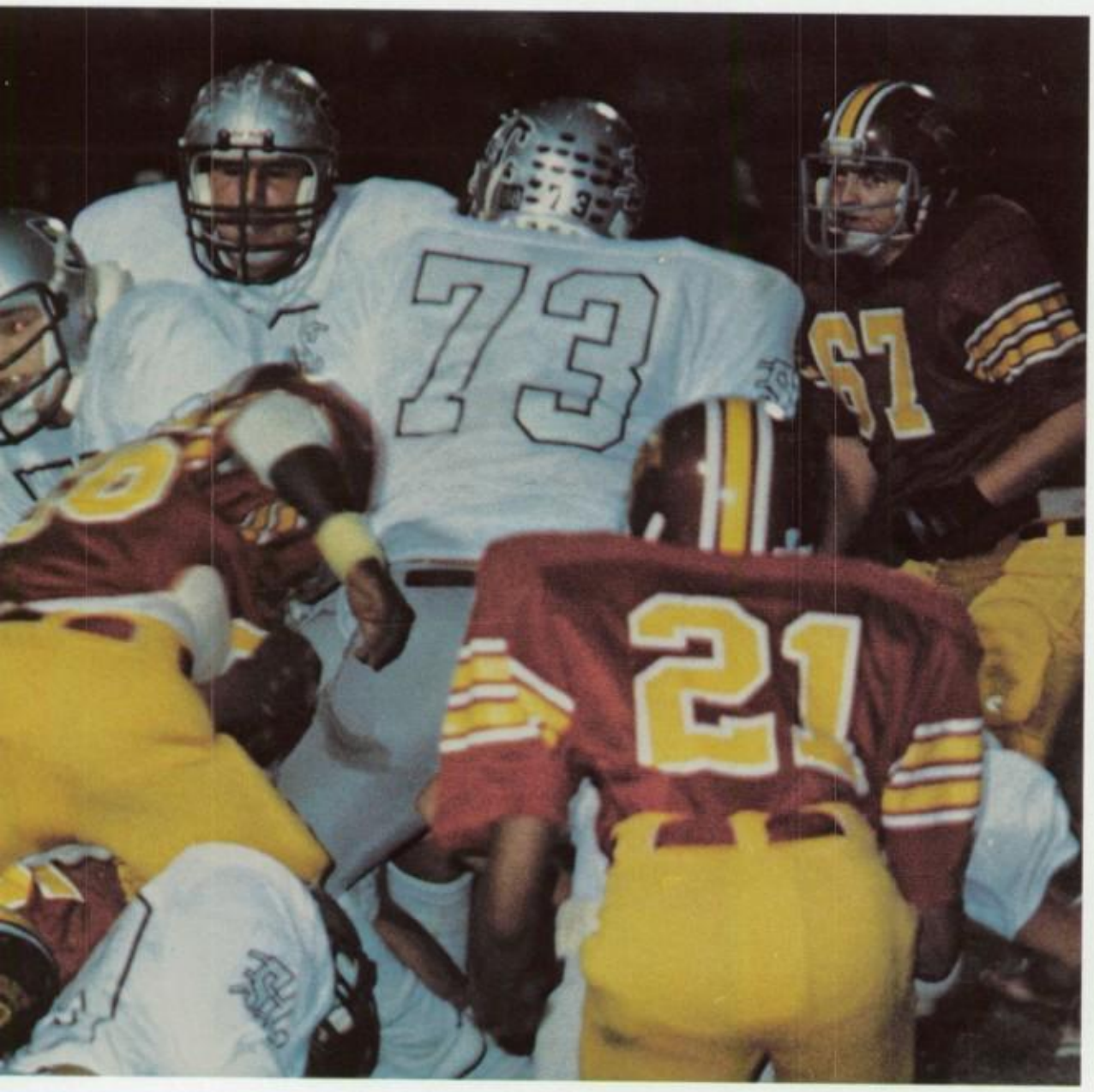
Overall Record 7-4

Eyes squarely on the ball in front of him, senior kicker Kent Rhoney adds another extra-point in Hickory's 55-0 win over McDowell off Neil Barrier's hold.

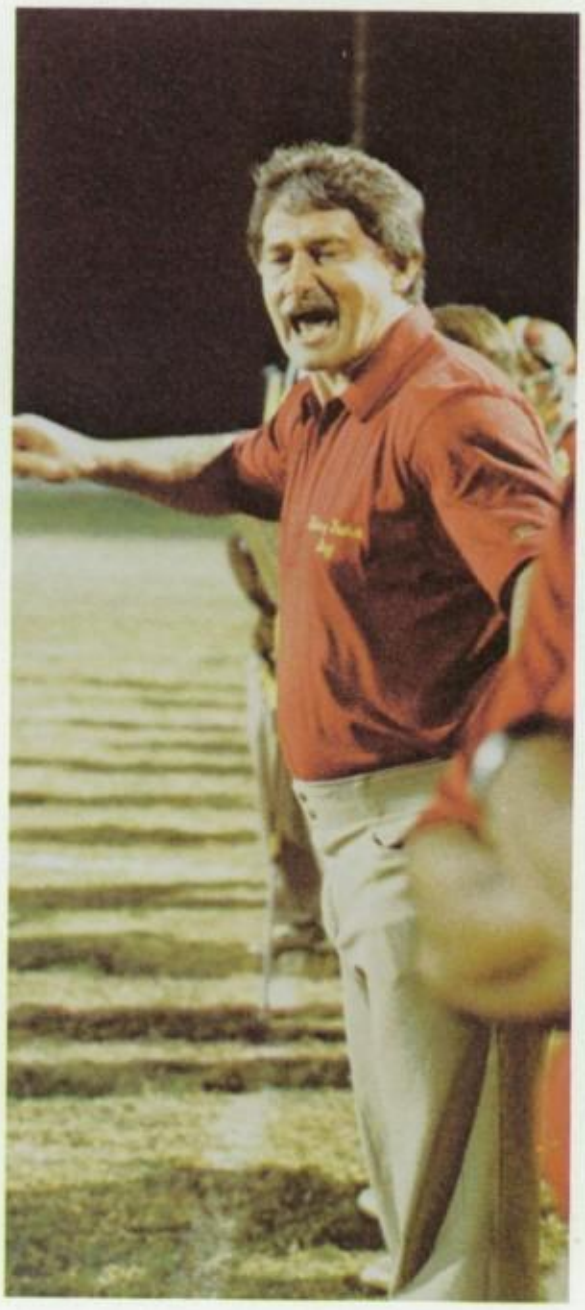
Preparing to cut back on a South Caldwell player, senior tailback Mark Rhyne goes for a 23-yard gain deep in Spartan territory. Rhyne led the Hickory offense with 180 yards in the 38-0 win.

Surveying the McDowell defensive formation, senior quarterback Mike Craft prepares to take the snap from center Brad Crump. Craft compiled over 700 yards passing on the year.

Running in hot pursuit, Todd Blackburn (77) and Mark Anthony (83) prepare to sack McDowell quarterback Mark Hensley for a 13-yard loss in Hickory's 55-0 shutout win.

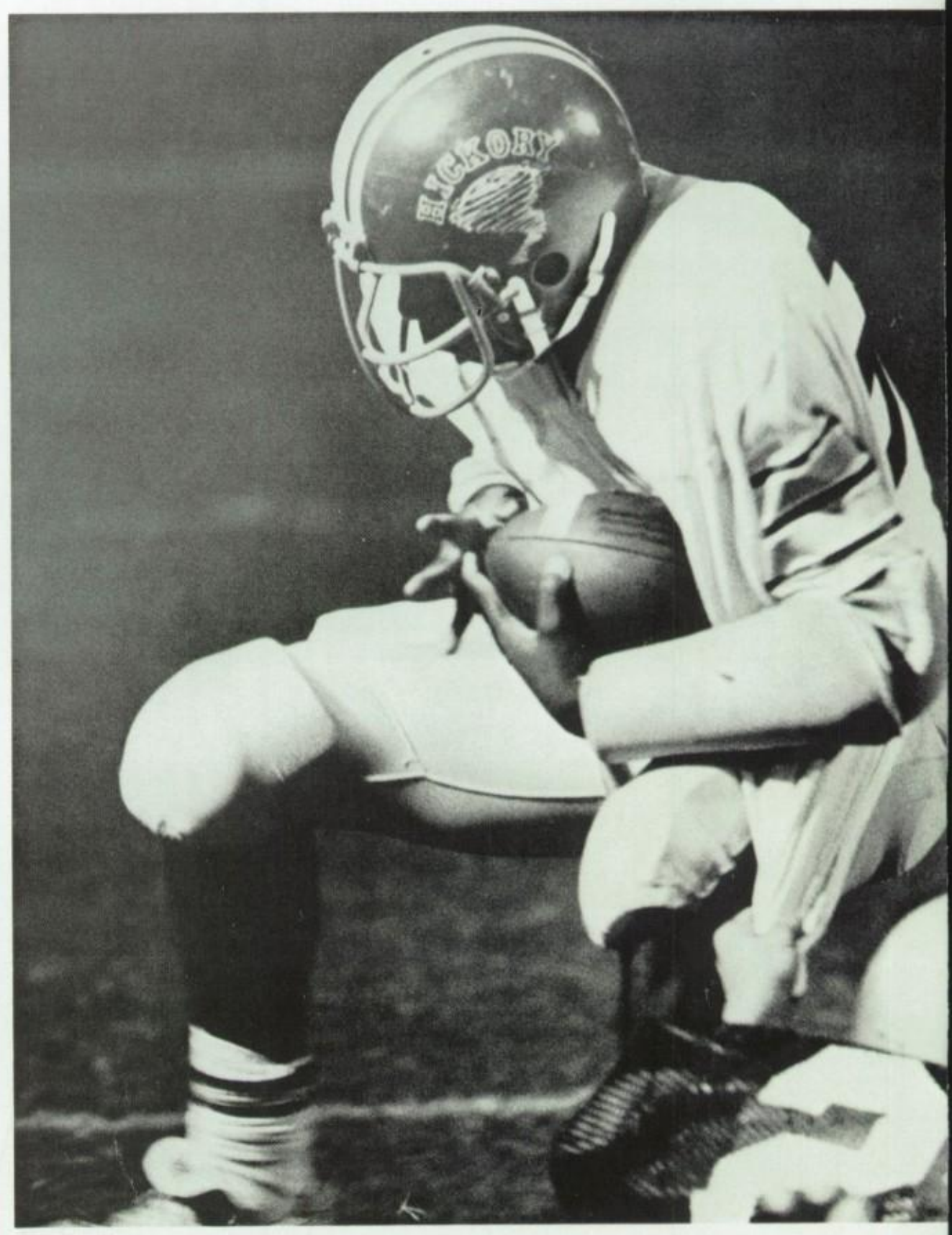


Plowing through the South Caldwell defensive line, Mark Rhyne goes for extra offensive yardage as Jimmy Fuller (21) looks at the play. The senior tailback scored two touchdowns in the game as Hickory rolled 38-0. Rhyne also gained over 650 yards for the Red Tornadoes this year and was a major component in Hickory's first championship season in six years.



Intensely shouting instructions to a Red Tornado player, defensive coordinator David Elder shows the pressure of coaching. In this game, however, Hickory prevailed 55-0.

To help the Red Tornadoes to their 38-0 victory, senior fullback Dent Guarino shows some fancy footwork as he picks up a first down and more against South Caldwell.



Tired, but seemingly satisfied with his team's performance, junior center Brad Crump watches the Hickory defensive unit battle the McDowell offense in Hickory's 55-0 Homecoming win over the Titans.

Front Row (left to right): Bobby Yount, Lamonte Williamson, Neil Barrier, Reggie Oates, Robbie Pugh, Jimmy Fuller, Darrell Banks, Kevin Carlton, Anthony Abernathy, Mike Craft, Mark Rhyne. Second Row: James White, Brad Crump, Benny Lytle, Brian Kiser, Darren Burch, Jim Davis, Dent Guarino, Kent Rhoney, Fred Clark, Bernard Bonds, Gavin Deal. Third Row: Bert Young, Jeff Vermillion, David Duncan, Todd Blackburn, Mark Clontz, Mark Anthony, Brad Smith, Billy Benson, Toby Texer. Fourth Row: Brian Griffith, Larry Clark, Brian Ollis, John Lomax, Damon King, Steve Stinson, Tracy Saddler, Ronnie Williams, John Camp, Antionne Mayhew. Not Pictured: Todd Rudisill, Bill Lewis.

Riding An Elevator

With a book of intense determination, new varsity head football coach Larry Wittenberg drives Reggie Oates through the tire exercise as Todd Rudisill, Bernard Bonds, and Benny Lytle look on. Wittenberg led the Red Tornadoes to a 7-4 season and their first playoff appearance in six years.

At the beginning of the year, however, it didn't look good for the Red Tornado team as it was defeated 28-0 by Statesville in a game that saw the Hickory team do very little right.

Hickory got back up next week, however, and gave Wittenberg his first coaching victory in a 24-12 win over West Mecklenburg. That victory was followed by a 38-0 trouncing of conference rival South Caldwell, proving that Hickory would indeed be a force in the NWC as the Red Tornadoes gained over 300 yards rushing in the game.

Thus, Hickory was flying high and was full of confidence until Shelby sent the Red Tornadoes crashing back to the ground, defeating the battered Hickory team 46-0.

Once again, though, Hickory rebounded to down Lincolnton 27-7 to set up a key NWC matchup against East Burke in a game that was termed by many people as a "classic."

The Red Tornadoes and the Cavaliers raged incessantly on East Burke's home turf, playing not just the regulation four quarters but also a gut-wrenching two overtimes before Kent Rhoney's 27-yard field goal in the second extra period won the game for the Red Tornadoes and placed them at the top of the conference standings.

Hickory then followed that victory to clobbering McDowell 55-0 in front of a large homecoming crowd. This contest featured stellar performances by almost all of the Hickory team members as quarterback Mike Craft went 10 of 10 passing, Dent Guarino scored two touchdowns and nine Hickory rushers combined to gain over 400 yards on the night.

Hickory then suffered a close defeat to Freedom before coming back yet another time to beat rivals Watauga and Alexander Central, allowing the Red Tornadoes to celebrate their first conference title in five years.

The season then came to a quick end for Hickory, though, as it was defeated by Ashbrook High in the first round of the state playoffs, but after enduring all of the dramatics throughout the year, nobody seemed to mind.

Struggling to reach the end zone, junior tight end Lamonte Williamson hauls in Mike Craft's 10-yard TD pass as East Burke's Johnny Stamey holds on for his life. Williamson's stunning reception and score erased a 10-3 EB lead and allowed the Red Tornadoes to tie the key NWC game at the half. Hickory would go on to win the game on Kent Rhoney's 27-yard field goal in double overtime.

GIRLS TENNIS

A Winning Season

First year Hickory High Girl's Tennis coach Laurie Newman had to be concerned at the start of the 1985 tennis season. For starters, she had to replace former net coach Jack Daughtery who had retired at the end of the 1984 campaign after compiling numerous wins and several conference titles. Also, coach Newman realized that she would have to rely on a freshman and a sophomore to help provide leadership to the team.

Miss Newman's concern soon changed to great satisfaction as the 1985 Girl's Tennis team not only won the inaugural Northwestern 4-A Conference title with an undefeated record, but also sent the doubles team of seniors Beth Kim and Mary Henson to the State 4-A Tennis Tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

This year's Red Tornado net team simply rolled over its NWC competition, winning all twelve of its conference matches and shutting out its opposition in eight of those contests. In fact, the 1985 squad suffered only two defeats on the year with match scores of 5-4.

With a team that consisted of seniors Kim, Henson and Nicole Dutton, junior Erika Bailey, sophomore Carol Hancock and freshman Anh Ta, coach Newman got superb play throughout the year, especially from her underclassmen. But what coach Newman and the rest of the Hickory team could take a great deal of pride in is the determined effort by Kim and Henson to once again reach the State Tournament.

The pair first finished second in the Western Regional Tournament held in Asheville to qualify for the state net event. Kim and Henson then travelled to Chapel Hill for their final high school tournament and reeled off three impressive wins on the first day of competition in what coach Newman called "the best tennis of their careers."

Unfortunately, the dream of a state title ended for Kim and Henson in the semi-finals as the eventual state championship tandem of Hani Sei and Dianne Pensebene sent the two down to defeat by scores of 6-3, 6-1.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	4	Newton	5
Hickory	8	South Caldwell	1
Hickory	9	East Burke	0
Hickory	9	McDowell	0
Hickory	5	Freedom	4
Hickory	9	Watauga	0
Hickory	9	Alexander Central	0
Hickory	4	Asheville	5
Hickory	5	South Caldwell	0
Hickory	9	East Burke	0
Hickory	9	McDowell	0
Hickory	7	Freedom	2
Hickory	8	Watauga	2
Hickory	6	Alexander Central	0

Conference Record 12-0
Overall Record 12-2

Bottom Row (left to right): Mary Henson, Anh Ta, Beth Kim, Erika Bailey, Nicole Dutton, Carol Hancock. Middle Row: Denee Gravitte, Jennifer Maull, Alisa Gwaltney, Susanna McClendon, Amy Hager, Kim S. Huffman, Heather Young. Back Row: Coach Laurie Newman, Leslie Collins, Melanie Hart, Carey Hodges, Heather Yarnell, Nancy Shuford.

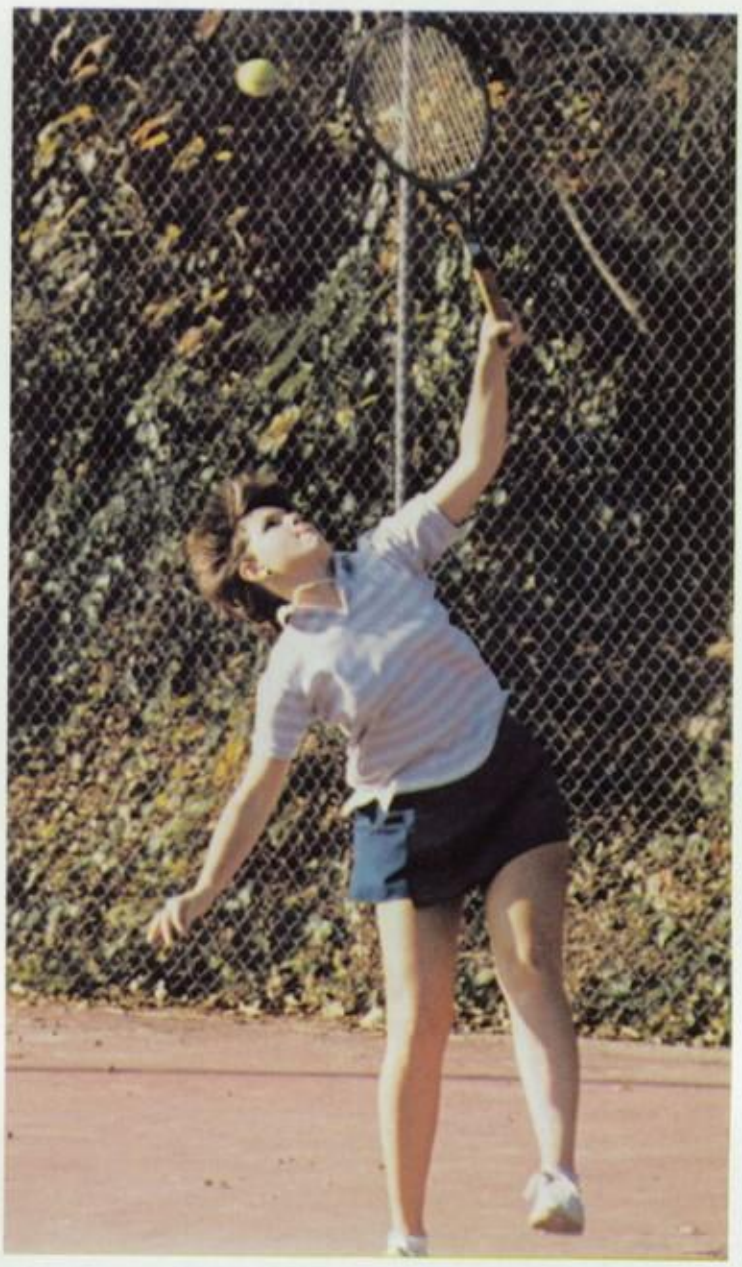
With a pained expression on her face, freshman Anh Ta completes her serve as the ball sails toward the net. Ta earned a lot of experience in her first year for HHS.

Displaying a fine backhand, sophomore Carol Hancock finishes her baseline stroke. Despite her youth, Hancock displayed a great deal of composure on the court and was needed as a team leader.

Looking toward doubles partner Mary Henson, senior Beth Kim watches the action near the net. Kim rallied from a rough start at the beginning of the season to a berth in the state semi-finals with her teammate Henson.

Reaching high on her toes, senior Mary Henson smashes the ball over the net. Henson battled against the area's top competition in compiling a 10-4 singles record.

Showing tremendous concentration on the ball and racket, junior Erika Bailey prepares to complete her serve. Bailey compiled a 13-1 singles record on the year and teamed with doubles partner Nicole Dutton on a 14-0 mark.



As the ball blazes toward the net, senior Nicole Dutton finishes her backhand. Dutton played an important role in achieving coach Laurie Newman's first year success.

VARSITY SOCCER

Winning Tradition

Losing soccer games is not a time honored tradition at Hickory High School and this year's 1985 soccer team didn't want to make it one as the Red Tornado booters rolled to a 19-1 season and its third straight conference title before losing for the first time to South Mecklenburg High School 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs.

This fine season under fourth year Hickory head coach Steve Morgan once again proved Hickory's dominance in area soccer as the Red Tornado team extended its regular season winning streak to an amazing 54 straight games.

Despite losing several top players to graduation and another key player, senior Carlos Tobon, to a knee injury, Hickory simply mauled its opponents with lightning quick offensive spurts and superb defense.

Outstanding members on this year's squad included seniors Bobby Dettelbach, Jeff Vermillion, Jeff Henson, Tobon, Hiep Vo along with juniors David Robinson, Scott Horowitz, David Hodges, and Andy Bray. Sophomore Quy Doung also proved to be a tremendous force for the Hickory team.

An example of Hickory's dominance is the fact that the team scored an incredible 134 goals in the 20-game season while surrendering just 26 goals, mainly due to great defense and fine goal play by Henson and Robinson.

Thus in just four short years the Hickory High soccer team has become a force to be reckoned with winning 61 of 64 games played over the last three seasons, definitely a winning tradition.

Leading the offense down the field, Quy Doung is followed by Marc Quilici in Hickory's 6-1 win over Winston-Salem Parkland before a large Friday night crowd. The Red Tornado booters were able to play this contest on a Friday since the varsity football team had a week off, and the win extended Hickory's home winning streak to 25 straight games.

Marc Quilici, using his acquired skills in soccer, expertly nails a penalty kick for yet another Red Tornado goal in Hickory's 7-1 win over West Mecklenburg High School.

Using a drop kick against East Burke, Scott Horowitz knocks the ball out of Hickory's territory in the Red Tornadoes' 9-1 win over the Cavaliers. The victory insured Hickory's first Northwestern 4-A conference championship and gave the Red Tornadoes its third straight conference title in as many years.

Front Row: Head coach Steve Morgan, Bobby Dettlebach, Thanh Vo, Dave Kenny, Marc Quilici, Hiep Vo, Quy Duong, Scott Stone, Dax Santi, Matt Guzi, Cory Morgan. 2nd Row: Andy Bray, Mark Davis, Jeff Henson, David Hodges, Chris Friend, Jeff Vermillion, Scott Horowitz, Mike Griffin, Preston Harkey, Nathan Bowman. 3rd Row: Brad Boyd, Patrick Campbell, Greg Caporossi, Gordon Craig, Michael Fisher, Chris Taylor, Steve Southard, Will Thomas, Chad Parris, Dave Robinson. 4th Row: Stef Morgan, Trey Childs, Mark Austin, Heather Morgan, Dion Santi, Chris Caugh, Danny Pernell, Kelly Morgan, Jay Crown. Not Pictured: Carlos Toban, Doug Booker, David Caugh, Keith Williams, and Scott Haymond.

Winning Tradition

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	5	Hibriten	3
Hickory	8	South Iredell	1
Hickory	8	West Meck	1
Hickory	4	Hibriten	1
Hickory	9	Watauga	1
Hickory	6	Shelby	1
Hickory	3	West Meck	1
Hickory	5	Statesville	2
Hickory	11	South Caldwell	0
Hickory	6	Parkland	1
Hickory	9	East Burke	1
Hickory	6	Freedom	4

With great skill, David Hodges passes the ball to Heip Vo. Both Hodges and Vo proved to be valuable assets on this year's soccer squad as evidence in the Red Tornadoes 7-1 win over the Indians of West Mecklenburg. This victory also kept Hickory's home winning streak intact before being broken in their last game of the year.

Executing a perfect defensive play, Hickory's Heip Vo prevents an East Burke player from getting to the ball in Hickory's 9-1 win over the Cavaliers to wrap up the conference title.

Fighting for the ball on the ground, Thanh Vo tries to regain possession in Hickory's 5-2 victory over South Iredell. To win, Hickory's first win of the

SCOREBOARD cont.

Hickory	7	Watauga	0
Hickory	10	St. Stephens	1
Hickory	14	South Caldwell	1
Hickory	9	East Burke	1
Hickory	5	Freedom	2
Hickory	6	Enka	2
Hickory	3	Asheville	1
Hickory	0	South Meck	1

Conference Record 7-0
Overall Record 19-1

year, extended Hickory's regular season winning streak to 36 straight games. This streak continued through the year.

Showing off his good ball control, Marc Quilici passes the ball between two defenders to Heip Vo. Vo would later use more superb Red Tornado passes to score two goals for another win.

Hustling for the ball, Hickory's Jeff Vermillion and Scott Horowitz nearly collide. The Red Tornadoes won this game over Watauga in their fall tournament.

9TH & J.V. FOOTBALL

Waiting in the Wings

For the fourth straight year, the Hickory High Freshman football team won the Northwestern Junior Conference championship with a 5-1 overall record. "I was very pleased with our progress;" said coach Steve Yount. "It seems we got better as the season went along."

The Freshman team consisted of a great offensive unit which scored 106 points on the season. Ronald Whitner, Scott Cantrell, Cory Hill, Reggie Young, and the entire offensive line were the key to the team's success. The offensive line consisted of Rance Nicholas, Ashely Hayes, Doug Lauterbach, David Dietz, Bryan Adams, and Glenn Baker. Mike Dixon, Adams, Dietz, and Ronnie Dillinham were the primary players on the strong defensive unit that allowed an average of only ten points a game.

Unfortunately, the Freshman started the season with a 28-6 loss to Statesville. The team rebounded, however, to beat East Alexander 20-6 and went on to defeat Hudson, Woodward, West Alexander, and finished the year with a thrilling 32-26 victory against Granite Falls to win the conference title.

Meanwhile, the JV football team compiled an impressive 5-4-1 overall record and a 4-2 mark in the Northwestern 4-A JV Conference. The season featured a remarkable turn around by the Red Tornadoes as the team won its last four games of the year over rivals Freedom, McDowell, Watauga, and Alexander Central. Runningback Tony Mayhew paced the junior varsity offensive attack along with receiver Chad Culbreath, who grabbed several key passes from quarterback David Morgan during the season. The star of the JV squad, however, was the defense led by safety Donnie Knapp and Curt Smithy.

J.V. SCOREBOARD

Hickory	14	Statesville	22
Hickory	6	West Meck	6
Hickory	6	South Caldwell	20
Hickory	24	North Gaston	6
Hickory	6	Lincolnton	34
Hickory	6	East Burke	14
Hickory	14	McDowell	8
Hickory	14	Freedom	6
Hickory	14	Watauga	0
Hickory	16	Alexander	12

Conference Record 4-2
Overall Record 5-4-1

FRESHMAN SCOREBOARD

Hickory	8	Statesville	26
Hickory	20	East Alexander	6
Hickory	8	Hudson	7
Hickory	6	Woodward	0
Hickory	32	West Alexander	0
Hickory	32	Granite Falls	26

Conference Record 5-0
Overall Record 5-1

Applying tremendous defensive pressure, the Hickory defensive led by Bryan Adams (73) attempts to stop a West Alexander pass in Hickory's key freshman conference victory.

Front Row: Scott Cantrell, Ronald Whitener, Reggie Young, Landy Griffith, Jerry Propst, Damon Culbreath, Junior Odom, Winston Lyerly. Second Row: Chris Walling, Charlie Henry, Ashley Hayes, Rance Nicholas, Jon Starnes, Marcus Roseman, Larry Pope, Robbie Keener, Cory Hill. Third Row: Tommy Little, Michael Dixon, Brian Adams, Todd Caldwell, Doug

Ready to go into the game at any moment, split end Curtis Cunningham awaits jayvee coach Finley Cloninger's orders in Hickory's 14-6 upset win over a powerful Freedom team.

Walking down the sideline, freshman Darnell Phelps talks with a fellow teammate as the action continues on the field. Phelps and the rest of the freshman team enjoyed a 32-26 win.

Debating over what play to send in next, the freshman coaching brain trust of Steve Yount and Charles Brittain look at Hickory's defense from the sidelines.

auterbach, Glenn Baker, Todd Lail, Derrick aynes, Kip Johnson. Back Row: Chris Hopper, avid Dietz, Mark Beane, Mike Taylor. Not ictured: Robert Hayman, Tyrone Clemmons, raig Patterson, Ronnie Dillingham, Bo Cloniger, ryant Pierce, Allen Blackburn, Gevon Jenkins, ermaine Tucker, Darnell Phelps.

Front Row: Jay Fox, Thomas James, Vince Ackard, Damon Surratt, Alex Williamson, Curtis Cunningham, Tony Mayhew. Second Row: Donnie Knapp, David Morgan, Aaron Speagle, Andy Crews, Curt Smithy, Stuart Fowler, Matt Hinkle, Mark Hoyle. Third Row: Scott Sills, Chris Robinson, Allen Wood, Tracy Graham, Tim Saddler, John Smith, Neil Davis. Not Pictured: Nayd Ramseur, Mark Rose, Marcus Connor, Chad Smith, Chad Culbreath, Brent Dula.

CROSS COUNTRY
Running With Pride

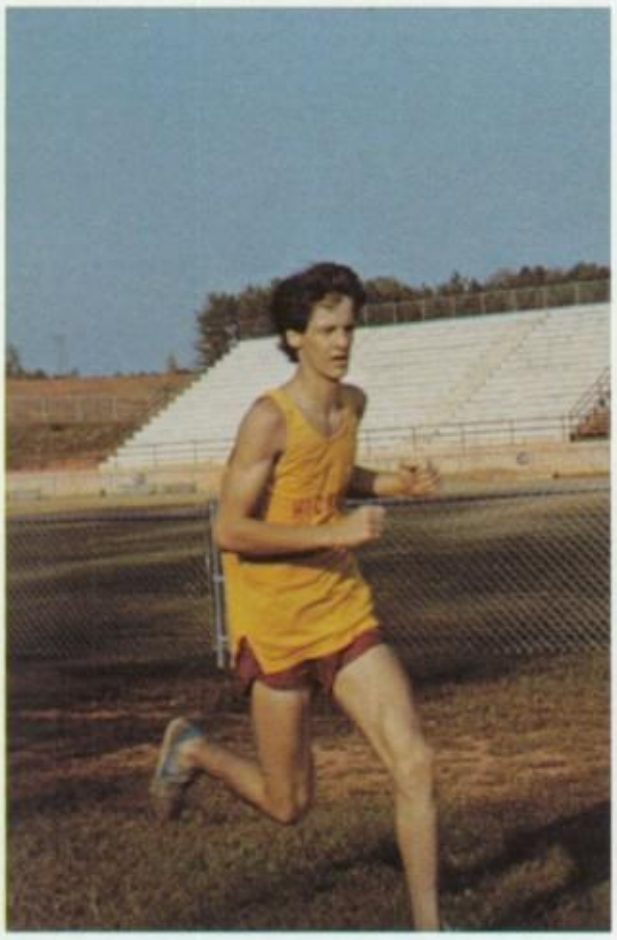
Striding nearly side by side, cross country teammates Ginger Price and Katie McDowell reach the halfway point of the race in a meet held at South Caldwell High School.

To say the least the 1985 Hickory High School Cross Country went through a very interesting season. For starters, the team was without veteran head coach Jim Coble for the first two meets of the year due to a severe illness. That left team captains Kent Kercher and Ginger Price with the frightening prospects of leading the team through a very difficult time. As it turned out, however, both cross country teams enjoyed fine seasons as the girl's squad qualified for the state cross country meet and senior runner Phil Costner ran superbly throughout the year behind one of the best cross country runners in the nation.

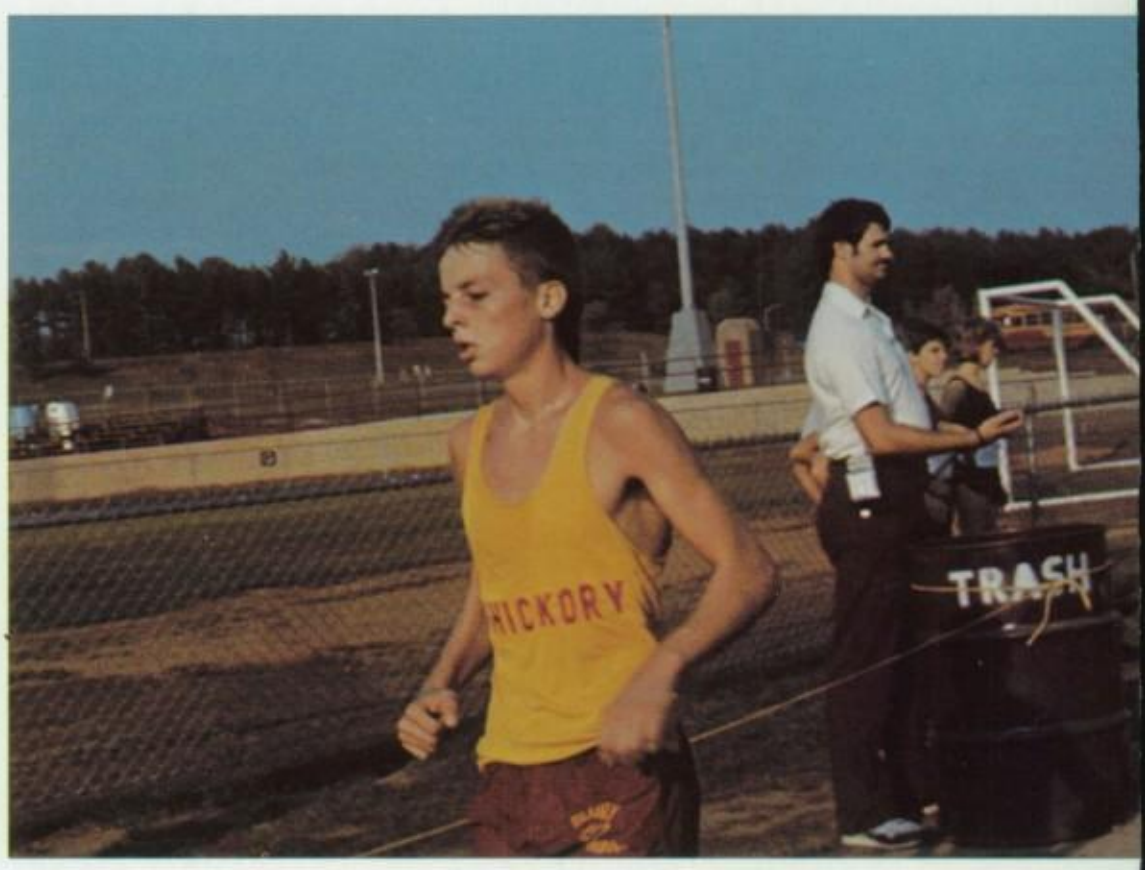
For nearly all year, both boys' and girls' teams found themselves running behind top competition but that didn't stop many fine individual performances from several Hickory runners.

On the girl's side, Laura Maxx, Price, Katie McDowell, Marissa Brittain and others paced the cross country team to a second place finish in the conference and a berth in the state cross country meet.

Meanwhile, the boy's team, aside from Costner was led by Kercher, Shane Elder, Bob Dixon, Patrick Featherstone, Andy Huffman, and Jamie Pfefferkorn en route to a third place finish in the conference standings.



Preparing to climb a large hill, senior cross country standout Phil Costner glides through the course layout en route to a second place finish, just behind state champion Mike Clinebell.



Tired and drenched in sweat, junior runner Jamie Pfefferkorn comes across the finish line. Pfefforkorn placed twentieth.

Charging down the stretch toward the end of the race, senior runner Bob Dixon fights off any pain to help the Hickory team to a third place finish in a meet.

1st Row: Andy Huffman, Kent Kercher, Chris Lyerly, David Barringer, Jamie Pfeffercorn. 2nd Row: Shane Elder, Bob Dixon, Phil Costner, David Dillon, Patrick Featherstone.

1st Row: Robin Suttle, Allison Cathy, Lara Max, Marrissa Britain. 2nd Row: Angela Threewit, Shannon Hefner, Cristy Caywood, Katie McDowell. 3rd Row: Ann Clegg, Ginger Price, Carol Hefner, Leigh Lomax, Anne Prevatte.

Mens Basketball

Varsity

Front Row: Jimmy Davis, Steve Fuller, Mike Craft, James Hammonds, Jeff Gore, Darrel Banks. Second Row: George Waldroup, Scott Underdown, Gil Capps, Mike Lefevers, Brad Bowman, Patrick Moser, Bill Lewis, Dale Roseboro.

Junior Varsity

Front Row: Donnie Knapp, Sam Ruff, Kyle Garlitz, Patrick McClean, Steve Propst, Reggie Young. Second Row: Keith Moore, Calvin Johnson, Brent Dula, Melvin Hunt, Charles Hunsucker.

Freshmen

Front Row: Scott Stone, Michael Gadd, Bo Cloninger, Tyrone Clemmons, Tommy Little, David Dietz. Second Row: Christopher Garlitz, Ronnie Dillingham, Craig Patterson, Winston Lyerly, Ronald Whitener.

Womens Basketball

Freshmen

Front Row, left to right: Jill Baker, Marissa Brittain, Tonya Morrison, Katie Showferty, Jennifer Gwaltney. Back Row, left to right: Suzannah McLendon, Melanie Hart, Melanie Dula, Heather Yarnell, Cary Hodges, Jennifer Tuttle, Susie Dahle. Not Pictured: Coach John Worley.

Junior Varsity

Front Row, left to right: Margo Carlton, Amy Hager, Marnie Beech, Laura Pruitt, Jenny Propst. Back Row, left to right: Van Fredricks, Sara Cook, Amy Lamaroe, Kelly O'Toole, Patty Fredricks, Jennifer Jones, Coach Finley Cloninger.

Varsity

Bottom Row, left to right: Mary Henson, Lashawn Morrison, Alphadella Smith, Deborah Hill, Amy Browder. Back Row, left to right: Van Fredricks, Carol Jenkins, Alexia Moffit, Leslie Collins, Alisa Gwaltney, Coach David Elder. Not Pictured: Jennifer Myers.

Bowne For Victory

Under the direction of new Varsity Basketball coach Gary Bowne, the 1986 Hickory High cagers suffered through a 4-17 record as both the coach and the players were faced with learning experiences.

Bowne, a veteran assistant coach from the Raleigh-Durham area, came to Hickory High following the resignation of former Red Tornado court mentor David Craft, and inherited a team that featured just two seniors, Mike Craft and James Hammonds.

The season started badly for the Red Tornadoes as they faced powerful Lincolnton on the Wolves home floor and not surprisingly were defeated 75-60 to spoil Bowne's coaching debut.

Hickory then suffered two defeats to Statesville and West Mecklenburg before squaring off against cross-town rival St. Stephens.

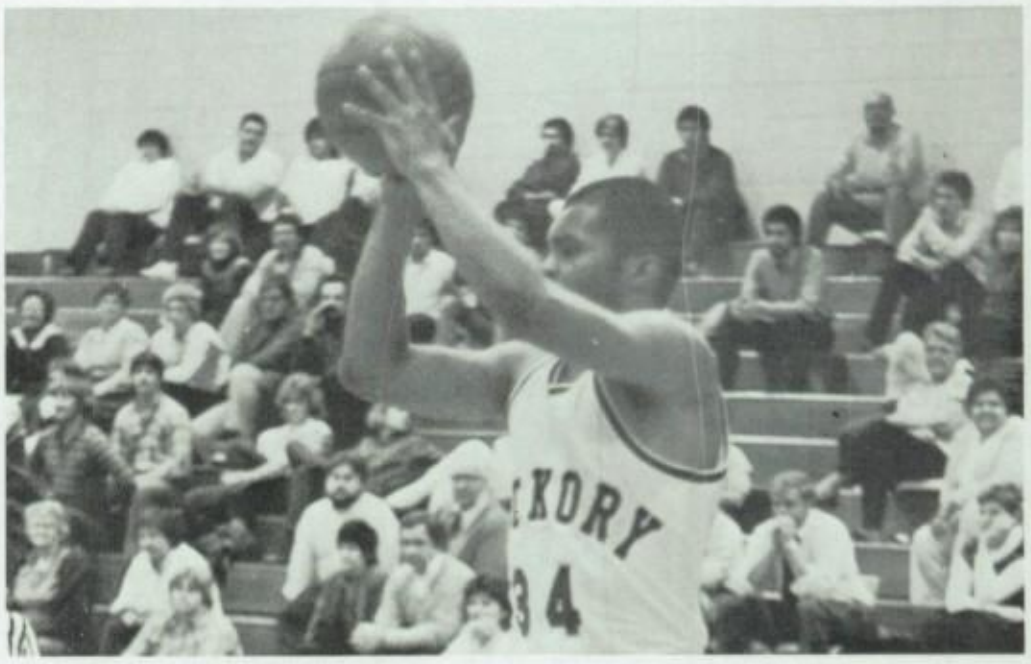
In this particular contest, Hickory held a slim lead late in the game only to see the Indians, playing on their home court, rally in the final stages of the game to take a narrow 58-57 win over the Red Tornadoes to keep Bowne from notching his first career coaching win.

Hickory would get revenge one week later, however, when St. Stephens visited the Red Tornadoes in Hickory's gym, and this time the young Red Tornado team would not be denied as they took a 65-58 victory.

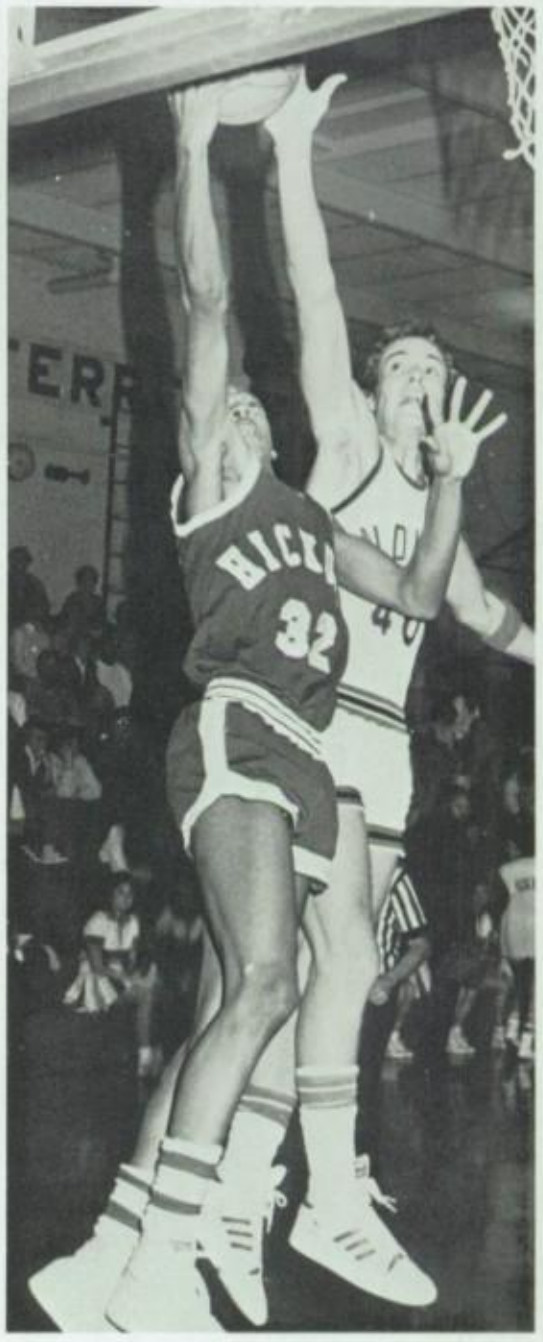
Hickory then entered Northwestern 4-A Conference action and again battled through some rough times, finishing with a 3-9 conference mark.

Despite, Hickory's poor overall showing in the victory column, there were some stellar performances throughout the season.

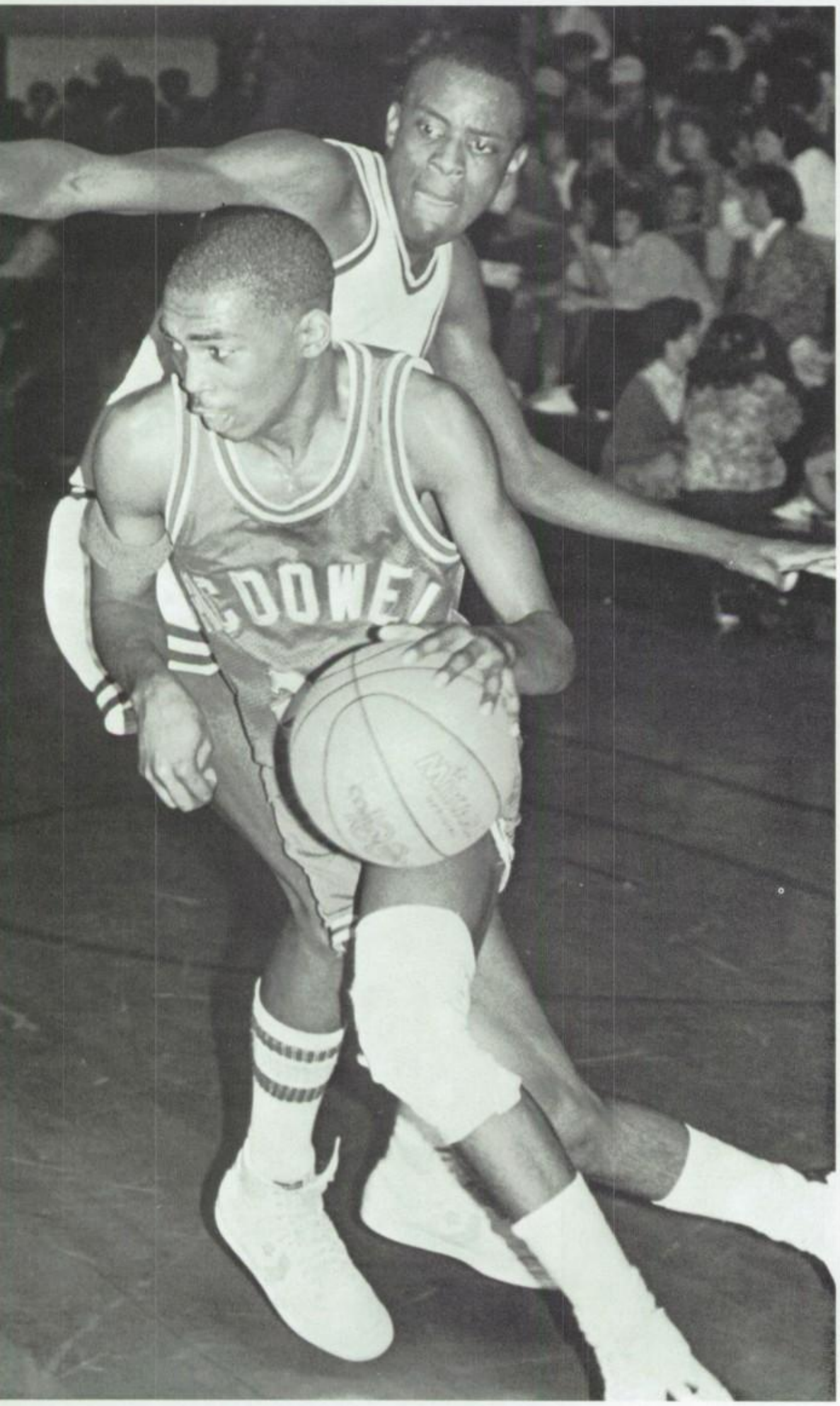
Looking to make a quick pass through the East Burke High zone defense, junior guard Jim Davis holds the ball high over his head.



Exhibiting perfect form as he attempts a free throw, senior point guard Mike Craft scores another Hickory point. Craft shot 91 percent from the charity stripe on the year and was also the Red Tornadoes leading scorer.



Driving toward the basket to attempt a layup, junior forward Steve Fuller is contested on the play by St. Stephens' Mike Ludwig. Hickory lost this game to its cross-town rival by a one-point margin.



Trying to stop McDowell's Ernie Whitesides from driving the baseline, Hickory's James Hammonds grimaces with intensity during the Red Tornadoe's 70-62 upset win over the Titans to give coach Gary Bowne his first conference win.

For example, senior point guard Craft paced the Red Tornado team throughout the year in scoring, finishing with a 17 point per game average and shooting 49 percent from the floor. Craft also shot a team record 91 percent from the free throw line and dished out six assists per game.

Another key person in the Hickory offense was junior guard Jeff Gore, who at times led the Red Tornadoes in scoring and was especially vital in Hickory's 53-48 conference victory over Watauga when he scored all 12 of his points in the second half to lead a Red Tornado offensive surge.

Other top performers included forwards Patrick Moser and Steve Fuller, with both having fine games against a talented South Caldwell team during Hickory's 87-79 road loss to the Spartans as Moser scored 11 points and Fuller provided 16.

Junior center Michael Lefevers also showed flashes of improvement during the year as he faced some of the area's best big men in just his first year of organized high school basketball.

Thus, this season was spent forming the nucleus for better teams and with most of the team returning for next year should mean greater improvement is yet to come.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	46	South Cald.	63
Hickory	66	East Burke	67
Hickory	70	McDowell	62
Hickory	68	Freedom	95
Hickory	63	Watauga	48
Hickory	70	Alexander	88
Hickory	79	South Cald.	87
Hickory	67	East Burke	85
Hickory	75	McDowell	98
Hickory	52	Freedom	61
Hickory	53	Watauga	48
Hickory	74	Alexander	80
Hickory	57	South Cald.	65

Playing ABOVE

Call it a year of meeting expectations or call it a year of overachieving, but what ever you call it just say that the 1985-1986 Varsity Girl's basketball team rolled to an impressive 16-10 overall record and finished third in the Northwestern 4-A Conference battle.

All of this was achieved behind third year head coach David Elder and a starting line-up that included no one over 5 feet 5 inches tall.

"At the beginning of the year I predicted we would win maybe 10 games," a pleased Elder said at the end of the season. "But assistant John Worley said we would win 15, well he was off by one."

The team was a veteran squad that featured four starting seniors Mary Henson, Amy Browder and Leslie Collins shored up the frontcourt duties while senior Alphie Smith controlled the guard position along with juniors Debra Hill and LaShawn Morrison. Also providing key support for the team were junior Carol Jenkins, sophomores Alisa Gwaltney and Jennifer Myers and 6-2 freshman center Alexia Moffit.

Hickory entered the NWC race after drubbing several non-conference opponents and performing well in a Christmas Tournament. The team also got off to a good start in the NWC race by defeating South Caldwell and thumping East Burke by a score of 52-39 in a game that many people considered an upset win.

But an injury to Collins hurt the Lady Red Tornadoes in their next meeting, a key contest against the McDowell Titans. Hickory lost this game by a 61-52 margin despite playing even with the Lady Titans for most of the game. Next came a loss to perennial powerhouse Freedom on the Lady Patriots home floor before the Lady Red Tornadoes rebounded with a victory over Watauga. Hickory then completed

Slapping five to her teammates, senior Mary Henson is called out for the starting line-up. Henson supplied point production and key defense.

Keeping her eye on the basketball goal, senior Leslie Collins follows through putting rotation on the ball. Collins was a key player for the Lady Tornadoes and led the team in rebounds.

With a look of frustration on their faces, Alphadella Smith and Debra Hill scramble for the loose basketball during a home Northwestern 4-A Conference

their heads

game against South Caldwell. Smith and Hill would later provide stellar defense in this contest to lead the Lady Tornadoes to an easy victory. At the end of the year, Smith was named the team's MVP.

its first round of conference competition with a win over Alexander Central to give the team a 4-2 conference mark.

The second half of the conference race was exactly the same story as the Lady Red Tornadoes streaked to two victories over South Caldwell and East Burke before again falling to McDowell and Freedom. Hickory then finished the year with wins over Watauga and Alexander to finish third in the conference and earn a berth in the Sectional Playoffs.

First, however, the Lady Red Tornadoes competed in the Northwestern 4-A Tournament where they defeated South Caldwell in the first round but lost to McDowell in the semi-finals. Hickory's season then came to a close when A.C. Reynolds downed the team in the first round of the Sectional tournament.

Leading the Hickory charge throughout the year was Smith, the team's MVP, as she was one of the team leaders in scoring and led the squad in steals. Smith was also named to the All-Conference team and was selected as an All-Piedmont player in the county.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	54	St. Steph.	52
Hickory	63	Lincolnton	17
Hickory	57	S. Caldwell	37
Hickory	52	E. Burke	39
Hickory	51	McDowell	62
Hickory	46	Freedom	73
Hickory	44	Watauga	35
Hickory	54	Alexander	35
Hickory	60	S. Caldwell	43
Hickory	56	E. Burke	49
Hickory	52	McDowell	64
Hickory	10	Freedom	30
Hickory	58	Watauga	42
Hickory	59	Alexander	39
Hickory	53	S. Caldwell	36
Hickory	55	McDowell	82
Hickory	38	Reynolds	54

JV's wait

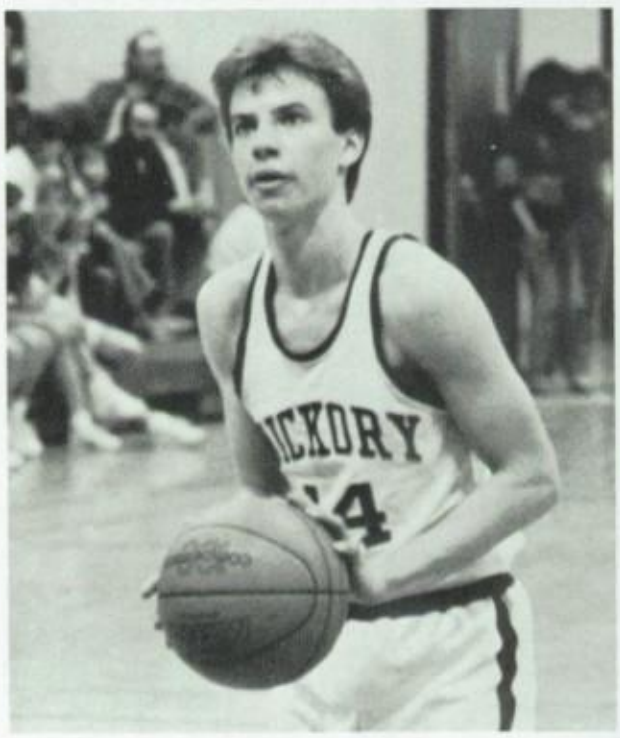
Under the direction of head coach Hal Boliek, the 1985-1986 junior varsity boys' basketball team finished with a great record of 16-4. The jayvee team was hampered a little by the loss of two jayvee players, Brad Bowman and Donnie Knapp, who were moved up to play varsity basketball. Coach Hal Boliek stated, "It was a great loss to our team, but nevertheless we played well without them."

The jayvee team started the season successfully winning ten in a row, including two wins over non-conference rivals Statesville, Lincolnton, West Mecklenburg, and St. Stephens. Also the jayvees gained victories in their first conference game against South Caldwell. During the period of Christmas break before the South Caldwell game, Donnie Knapp was moved up to play varsity basketball. When the jayvee met up with East Burke they were beaten in the last seconds by a score of 49-45. Next they went on to beat McDowell before losing to Freedom. After the Red Tornadoes beat Watauga, they were then stunned by an upset at the hands of Alexander Central.

However, the jayvees rebounded from their losses to win five straight games against South Caldwell, East Burke, McDowell, Freedom, and Watauga. The jayvees loss though in the season finale against Alexander Central.

Reggie Young, a freshman, pitched in as a key player averaging 20 points a game, also Cavin Johnson pitched in with 14 points a game and great overall defense. Kyle Garlitz was the point guard and the team leader. Brent Dula the team leader in rebounds was also helped by Keith Moore in rebounds. Sam Ruff filled in at the shooting guard position after Knapp was moved up.

Yelling out on the court to instruct the JV basketball players, coach Hal Boliek tells the team what to do, while Keith Moore watches from the bench. the JV's had a record of 16-4.



Concentrating on making the free throw, sophomore Sam Ruff puts in one point in leading Hickory to a conference win over the East Burke JV Cavaliers.

Sophomore Calvin Johnson shows off some of his skills as he adds two points to help the Red Tornadoes to a big victory over Statesville. Johnson provided leadership for the JV's.

in the wings

While the action continues on the court, Hickory JV girl's head basketball coach Finley Cloninger instructs some of the team members on the bench. Cloninger directed the squad to a 5-15 overall record, as the Junior Varsity team lost several key team members to the Lady Red Tornado varsity squad in order to give that team added depth.

With her eyes fixed on the goal, sophomore Sara Cook gets ready to attempt her free throw shot in a game against conference rivals, South Caldwell.

Releasing the shot inside the paint, Tonya Morrison watches the ball go up while Laura Pruit waits for the rebound. The Lady Red Tornadoes lost this game to Alexander.

Sometimes the number of wins in a season does not reflect the true potential and ability of a team. Such was the case of the 1985-1986 Girl's Junior Varsity basketball squad as it compiled a not-so-impressive 5-15 record. Yet, hidden behind the record was a very young team under the direction of first-year head coach Finley Cloninger that lost several close games throughout the year.

The extremely young team kept coach Cloninger hopping. Athletic trainer John Worley was also kept very busy helping out the girls with their jammed fingers and sore knees. These injuries, however slight they may sound, seemed to have kept the girls from playing at one-hundred percent. However, coach Cloninger said, "The girls played with great enthusiasm." Unfortunately for the team its enthusiasm did not bring in enough points to win most of their games.

Although most would have viewed it as a rough season, some expressed other thoughts. One such person, Amy LaMoreaux, said, "The season was a good experience and I had a lot of fun." This feeling was also expressed in sophomore Amy Hager's words, "It was hard work but the experience we gained will help us next year."

Also hurting the JV team's chances was the fact that three of the squad's top players were moved to the Varsity team early in the year. Key figures on this year's team were Laura Pruitt, Margo Carlton, and Patti Fredericks.

Hopefully the team's dreams of winning cam come true, as it has gained much needed experience. Next year should be an exciting year for the members of the 1985-1986 Girls Junior Varsity basketball team because they have built the fundamentals necessary to become a great team.

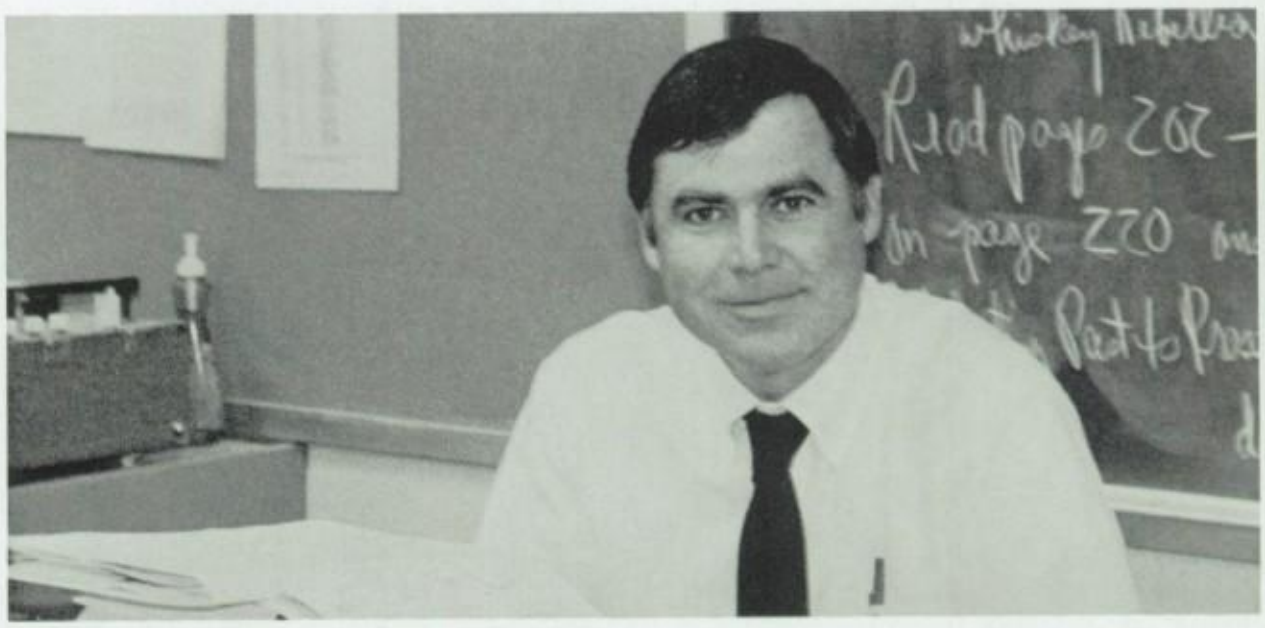
The stars

With a season plagued by injuries, the 1985-1986 Freshman boys' basketball team finished the season with a 7-7 overall record, winning 5 out of the last 7 games. Coach Steve Yount explains, "The injuries didn't help, but after we got over them, we worked hard and pulled together to get a 7-7 record.

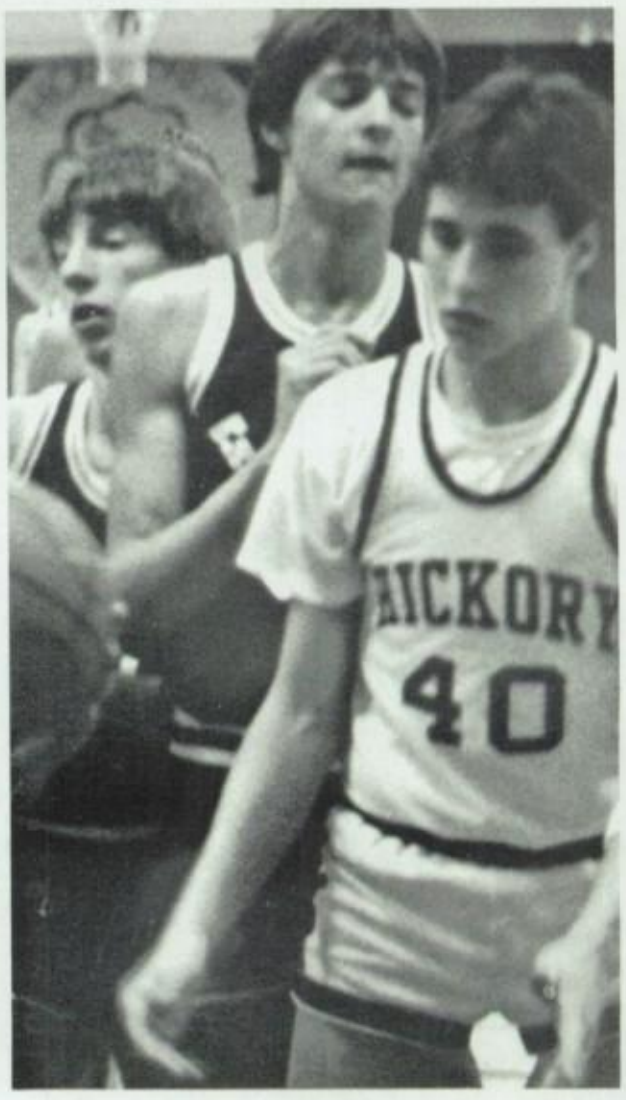
The season started against Hudson who outlasted the frosh team 47-56, with Craig Paterson sick and Ronald Whitner with a broken thumb. Next the frosh team started a roll by winning two games straight, winning over Watauga 41-38 and East Alexander 58-41. The streak was ended by Granite Falls who took the game 51-43. This was followed by Woodward's thrashing of 62-44 and Statesville's victory of 52-42 over the frosh team before Christmas break. Michael Gadd a team member said, "the team's chemistry was not together before Christmas break, but after a brief break we started playing like a team." During Christmas break the frosh team worked hard in practice and also got Ronald Whitner back from injury. After the break the frosh team came back with four straight victories. A thrilling 60-59 victory against West Alexander, a 67-53 revenge match against Hudson, a 54-31 victory over Watauga, and a 76-54 blow away over East Alexander was the four game winning streak ended by Granite Falls who beat the Red Tornadoes 72-60. But the frosh team bounced back from the loss with a 72-66 overtime decision over Woodward. The season ended though with a 48-45 loss to West Alexander.

Winston Lyerly sums up the season, "It was a great experience for me and I feel the team was like one big family."

Relaxing in his classroom before leaving for a game, freshman coach Steve Yount takes a break to smile for the camera. Yount also helped with the Varsity basketball squad when first-year coach Gary Browne and is head baseball coach.



While positioning his body to block out any incoming opponents, Michael Gadd watches, with intensity, as the ball glances off the rim and goes in for two points. Gadd played so well during the first part of the year that he was moved up to the Junior Varsity team.



With a dumbfound look of insanity, David Deitz waits for the bounce-pass from Scott Stone. The pass was completed and Deitz scored two points for the Red Tornadoes. Deitz was also moved up to the Junior Varsity squad as a result of his great playing ability.

# of tomorrow

Walking off the court, Coach John Worley concentrates on his strategies for the second half.

With great concentration, Tonya Morrison lays the ball up to add two more points for Hickory.

The tradition continues for the freshman girl's basketball team. The freshman girl's have gone 34-4 under Coach John Worley. The final record was 12-1 overall, and 11-1 in conference play. The 14 membered team averaged 38.5 points per game. Heather Yarnell commented about the coaching, "Worley worked us hard every day. He never let up. We just turned out to be a good team."

The freshman girls jumped into the season with four straight victories, beating Hudson 41-14, East Alexander 40-20, Watauga 40-12, and a nail biter 27-26 win over Granite Falls. Next the freshman team was defeated by co-champions Woodward 49-23. For the rest of the season the freshman team remained undefeated winning 8 straight Games. They gained victories against Statesville 38-23, West Alexander 35-8, Hudson 44-17, Watauga 35-8, East Alexander 50-20, Granite Falls 27-23, Woodward 36-23, and ended the season with a 46-9 blowout over West Alexander. The freshman girl's 11-1 conference record made them co-champions of the Northwestern Conference with Woodward.

Tonya Morrison was one of the team leaders with an average of 11.1 points per game. Heather Yarnell chipped in with 9.8 points per game and Melanie Hart with 7.4 points per game. Katie Showferty pitched in with superb defense on the season. Jennifer Tuttle and Marrissa Brittain chipped in on defense and offense for the freshman team. Tuttle sums up the season with these words, "We never had a break from practice and I think that is what made us good."

Stroke!

The Hickory High School swimmers, boys and girls, had a successful season by winning the Northwestern 4-A Conference Swimming Championship in Lenoir. Coach Scottye Sue Brittain commented about this year's team, "We had a fine group of swimmers this year who worked hard in practice and ended up in first place.

The Hickory boy's swim team won the championship by beating South Caldwell by 16 points. Brian Mead, Mark Davis, John Simon, and David Robinson won the 200 meter medley relay with a time of 1:50.36. In the second event the 200 yard freestyle Mark Davis finished first with a time of 1:50.36 and David Robinson finished second in the event. In the 200 I.M. John Simon finished second followed by Patrick Burnside who came in sixth. In the 50 yard freestyle David Robinson finished fourth. In the 100 Freestyle Brian Mead finished fifth. Mark Davis had a spectacular first place finish and Edward Mitchell third in the 500 meter freestyle. Brian Mead finished third in the 100 backstroke.

The girl's swim team won by 15½ points over Watauga. Cindy Tripplett, Leslie Burnside, Julie Wilhem, and Brenda Lubin finished first in the Medley Relay. Amy Bates finished second in the 200 yard freestyle while Julie Wilhem came in first in the 200 I.M. In the hundred freestyle Brenda Lubin placed third while Terri Pucell finished third in the 500 free. In the 100 backstroke Julia Julian placed second and Cindy Tripplett came in third. Leslie Burnside fianished first and Amy Bates placed third in the 100 breast. Lubin, Purcell, Julian and Bates were beat by .01 of a second in the 400 freestyle relay. Jamie Waldroupe placed third in the 1-meter diving competition with 99.50 points.

Pushing herself to the limit, freshman Julie Julian heads toward the wall in the of the 100 meters backstroke competition. Julian finished second in the race to help the Red Tornado Girl's swim team to a Northwestern 4A conference championship.

Front Row: Audrey Adams, Laura Max, Julie Julian, Scottye Davis, Terri Purcell, Amy Bates, Julie Wilhem, Jeanie Keply, Linda Nichols, Coach Scottie Sue Brittian. Second Row: Katie Huffman, Brenda Lubin, Cindy Triplett, Leslie Burnside, Christy Hunsicker, Jamie Waldrop, Melissa Reese, Janet Heffner.

Front Row: Michael Kutter, Jay Crown, John Simon, David Robinson, Edward Mitchell, Mark Davis, Coach Scottie Sue Brittain. Second Row: Patrick Burnside, Devin Hensley, Wyatt James, Chris Caugh, Scooter Riley, Brian Mead.

Shoot!

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Senior Dent Guarino proves this axiom true as he pins a West Lincoln High School grappler to add another victory on his overall record.

Guarino, in his fourth year of varsity wrestling advanced to the state tournament this year at Winston-Salem, Hickory's lone qualifier for the annual event.

Going for a big win, junior wrestler Andy Bray competes against his opponent from Hibriten High School. Bray improved as the year went along on Steve Morgan's young squad was able to compete in the Western Regional Tournament, annually hosted by Hickory High School and the school's Athletic Booster Club.

This was a difference experience for Hickory coach Steve Morgan.

After several years of great success with numerous wrestling programs at various high schools, Morgan confronted his greatest challenge with the 1985-1986 Varsity Wrestling squad. The team consisted of nearly all freshmen and sophomores, with many of the participants having on a vague knowledge of the sport.

The result was a lack-luster year in terms of victories as Hickory competed in the tough Northwestern 4-A Conference which features perennial wrestling powerhouse Watauga High School.

Despite the lack of victories, however, the team "improved tremendously" according to Morgan and did win a couple of head-to-head meets to give Morgan 196 career mat wins.

Leading this year's team was veteran Hickory wrestler Dent Guarino. In his fourth year in the program, Guarino, wrestling in the 185-pound weight class had an undefeated record for most of the year before becoming ill late in the season. That illness slowed Guarino in the state tournaments but he was still able to qualify for the State Finals where he was defeated in the first round.

Other top performers on this year's squad included junior Andy Bray, senior Bobby Dettlebach, and freshman Deke Shepler. Bray qualified for the Western Regional Competition while Dettelbach provided the young team with leadership. Meanwhile, Shepler set a freshman record forewarning the most victories ever for a first-year performer.

With a host of talent returning next year, Hickory should again be at the top of the wrestling ladder though they will sorely miss the experience and dedication that Guarino and Dettelbach have given.

Varsity Baseball

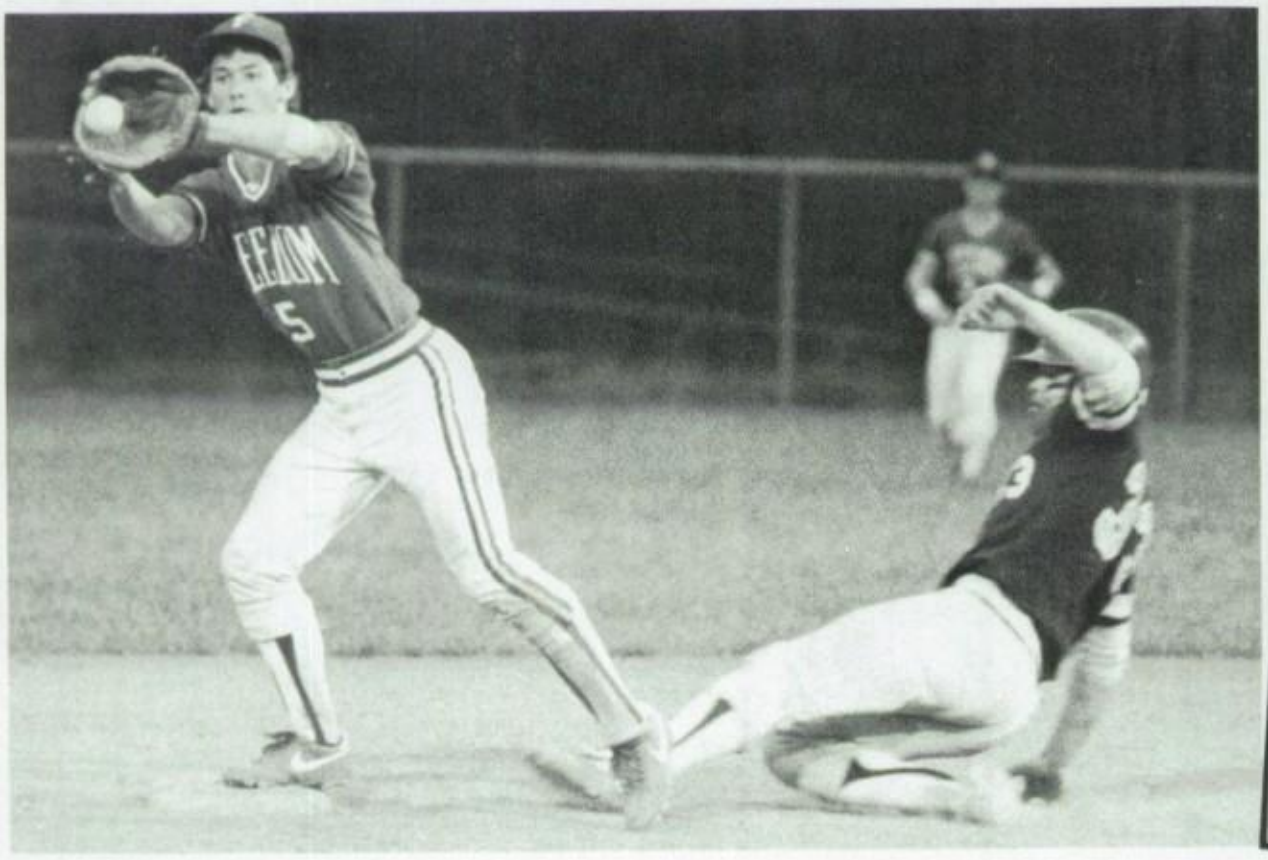
WORK = SUCCESS

Surprising not only themselves, but also several professed baseball pundits, the 1986 edition of the Hickory High Varsity Baseball team swept to a winning record and a second place finish in the tough Northwestern 4-A Conference.

Under the direction of second-year head coach Steve Yount, the Red Tornadoes started the year slowly as an injury to senior Tim Malone severly hampered the Hickory pitching staff. But senior southpaw Jeff Henson filled Malone's shoes admirably and became the ace of the Hickory pitchers. Also earning a spot on the Red Tornado hurling rotation was junior Ryan Quillen, who started the first game of the season and improved throughout the year. Senior Mike Craft was also called upon to pitch but his biggest asset was helping form one of the best and most experienced infields in the conference that included Grant Brittain, Neil Barrier and Henson.

At the plate, Hickory used a wide array of talent to outscore its opponents. Senior Brittain was the team's leading hitter and he capped a brilliant baseball career by signing to play college ball at Western Carolina. Dent Guarino also was a valuable man at the plate as he slugged five home runs. Barrier also provided hitting talent from the leadoff position, winning a couple of games with some timely hits.

Hickory earned a playoff spot by drubbing Watauga in the next-to-the-last game of the year by a score of 18-1. Henson earned the victory in the game, fanning nine batters in five innings before Malone came in to relieve. Meanwhile, the big Hickory bats slugged out 20 hits.



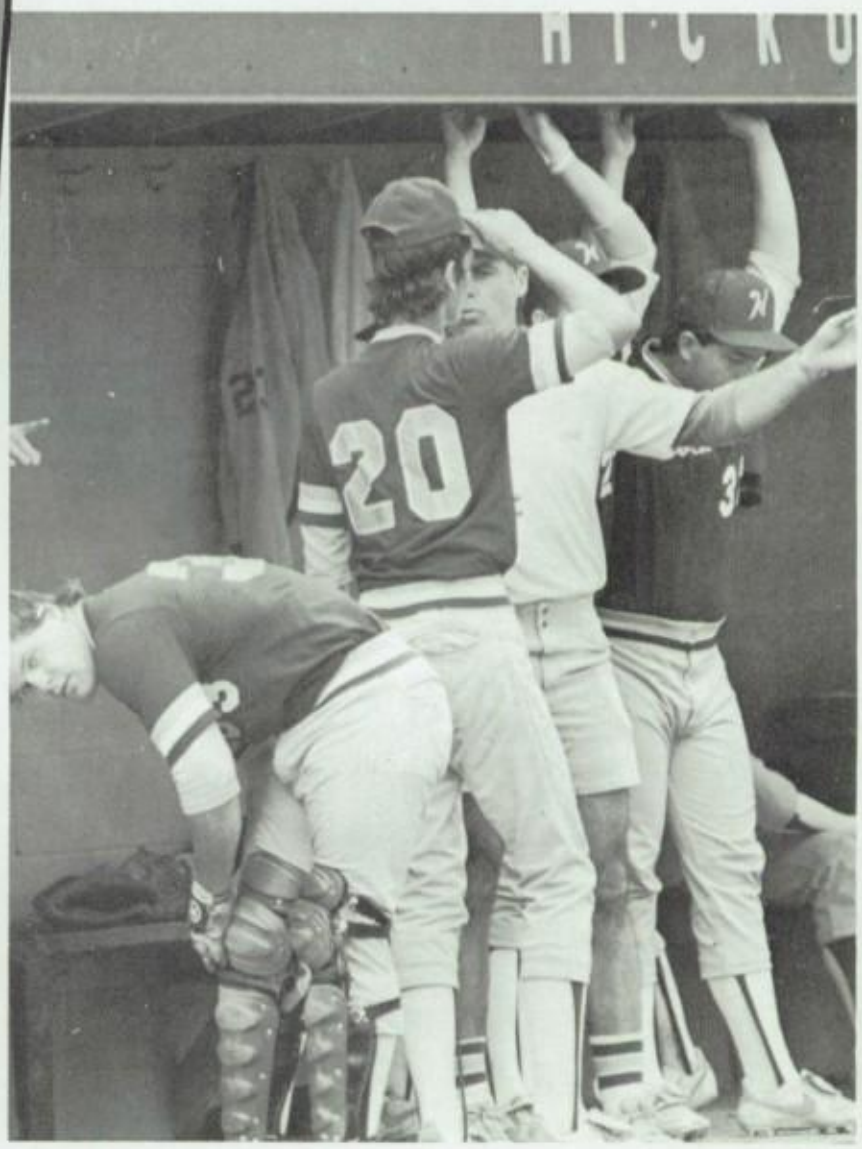
Sliding into second base, Dent Guarino is forced out on the play by a Freedom High defender. The Red Tornadoes recovered from a rough start in this game to take a key Northwestern 4-A Conference victory behind the pitching of Jeff Henson and Guarino, who later in the game cracked his fourth home run of the year to give Hickory a 9-4 win.

"We made the playoffs, which means success."

— Coach Steve Young

Leaping high into the air to snag Catcher Dent Guarino's throw to second base, senior second baseman Mike Craft avoids a sliding Alexander Central player. The Cougars won this battle of NWC foes in the regular season finale by a score of 4-1 to put Hickory in third place, good enough for a playoff berth for the 4-A state title.

During a break between innings, pitcher Ryan Quillen gets advice from Coach Yount on how to pitch the opposition while the rest of the Red Tornado team readies for defensive duty.



1st Row: Tim Malone, Grant Brittain, Mike Craft, Dent Guarino, Brian Simmons, Kent Rhoney. 2nd Row: Marc Swann, Ryan Quillan, Niel Barrier, Brad Crump, Wesley Compton, Richie Sawyer. 3rd Row: P.D. Fowler, Kevin Swanson, Lewis Berry, Jeff Henson, Bert Young, Coach Steve Yount.

Varsity

Softball

MAKE A PITCH DETERMINATION

It was very trying times for the 1986 Girls' Softball team. The season began well and looked very hopeful. Unfortunately, the squad would find out that this was not the year for success as coach Laurie Newman's team finished with a break even record of 6-6 in the Northwestern 4-A Conference, one game out of earning a playoff berth.

This year's version of the Lady Red Tornadoes featured a large number of seniors on the team, lead by the likes of Mary Henson, Leslie Collins, Ginger Price, Montye Brewer, and Kim S. Huffman. Henson returned this season as Hickory's starting pitcher and pitched effectively throughout the season.

The Hickory squad suffered from anemic hitting at times, however, and a late season slump by the team overall gave the three playoff spots allotted to the NWC to the rival schools of McDowell, Alexander Central and South Caldwell.

Hickory did fashion a strong defense, though, and was in contention in all of its games.

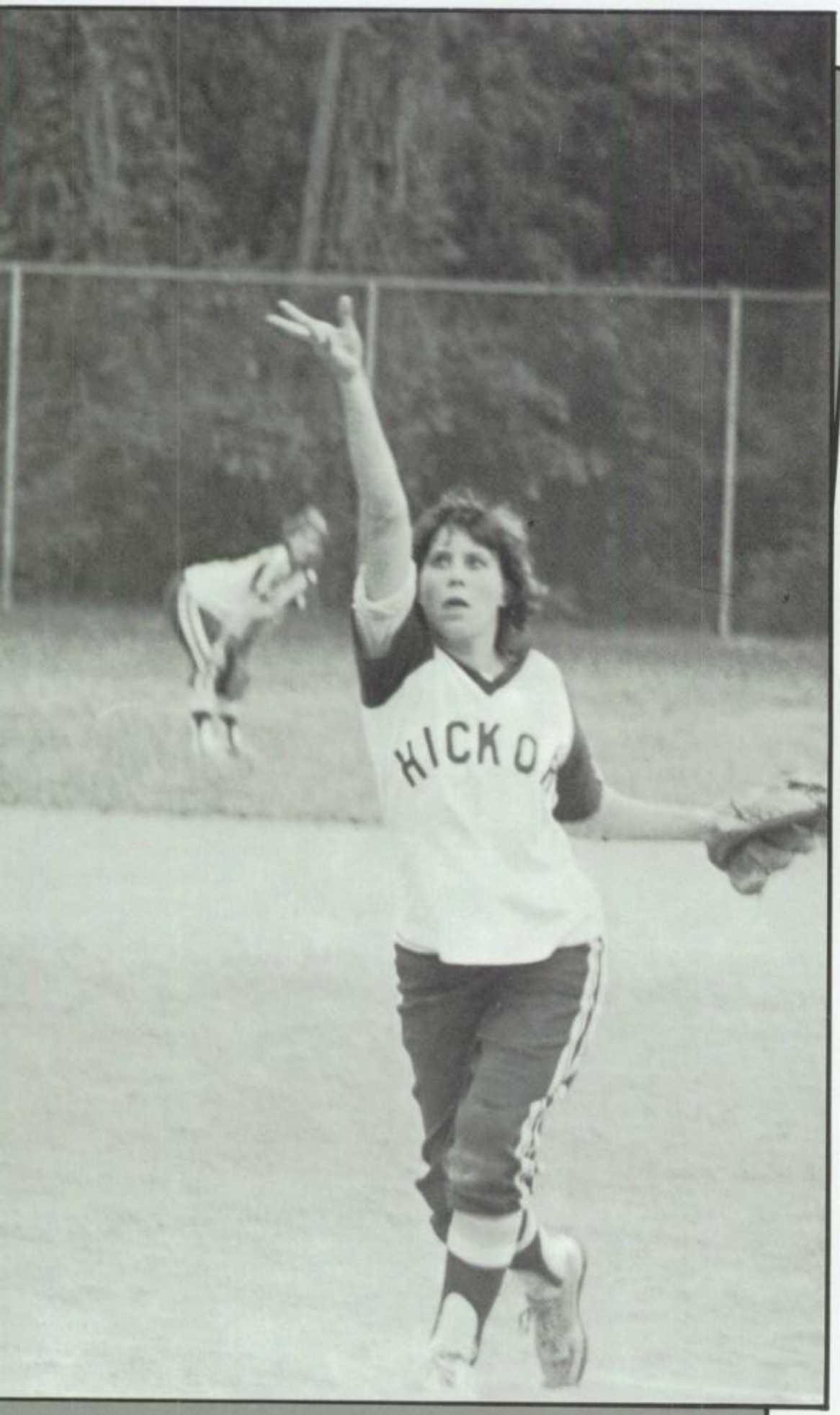
Leading Hickory's hitting was Collins, who cracked several home runs of the year including one against Watauga late in the year that proved to be the game winning RBI.

That would be one of Hickory's last bright spots, however, as it tumbled out of second place then lost a double-header to Alexander to keep the team out of the playoffs for the second straight season.

After a home run by Leslie Collins, freshman Blenda Price leads the team back to the bench in Hickory's 2-0 victory over conference rival Watauga High School.

"They played with enthusiasm all year."

— Coach Laurie Newman



With great concentration, senior Mary Henson shows her pitching technique. Henson's effort lead to a victory over Freedom to keep Hickory's playoff hopes alive.

Checking in the water jug to see if it is empty, seniors Anne Clegg, Angie Whitner, and Beth Hager wait to get a drink of nice, refreshing, ice cold water.

Varsity

Track

RUNNING AWAY

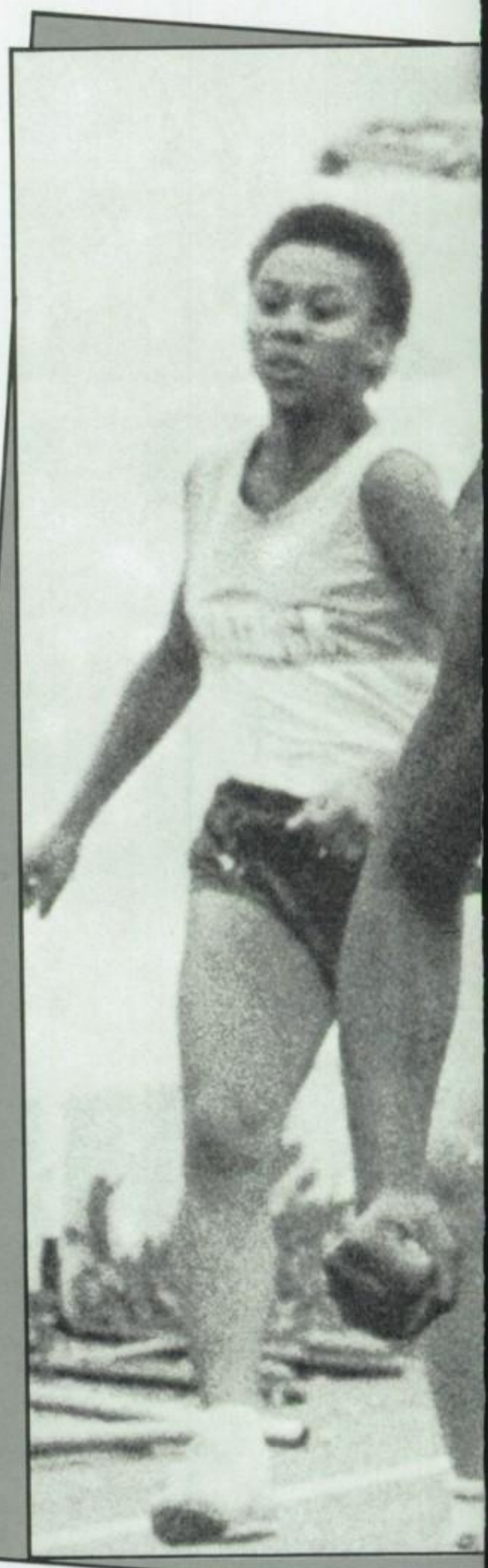
Like a broken record, Hickory High's reign as the king of all area track teams continued this year as both the Boy's and Girls' squads captured their respective titles in the Northwestern 4-A Conference. Under the direction of coaches Ronnie Hopper, David Elder, Larry Wittenburg, Jim Coble and others Hickory swept to conference victories in all of its meets, then performed exceptionally well in the sectional and regional meets. The Red Tornado teams then sent one participant from each squad to the state meet in Chapel Hill.

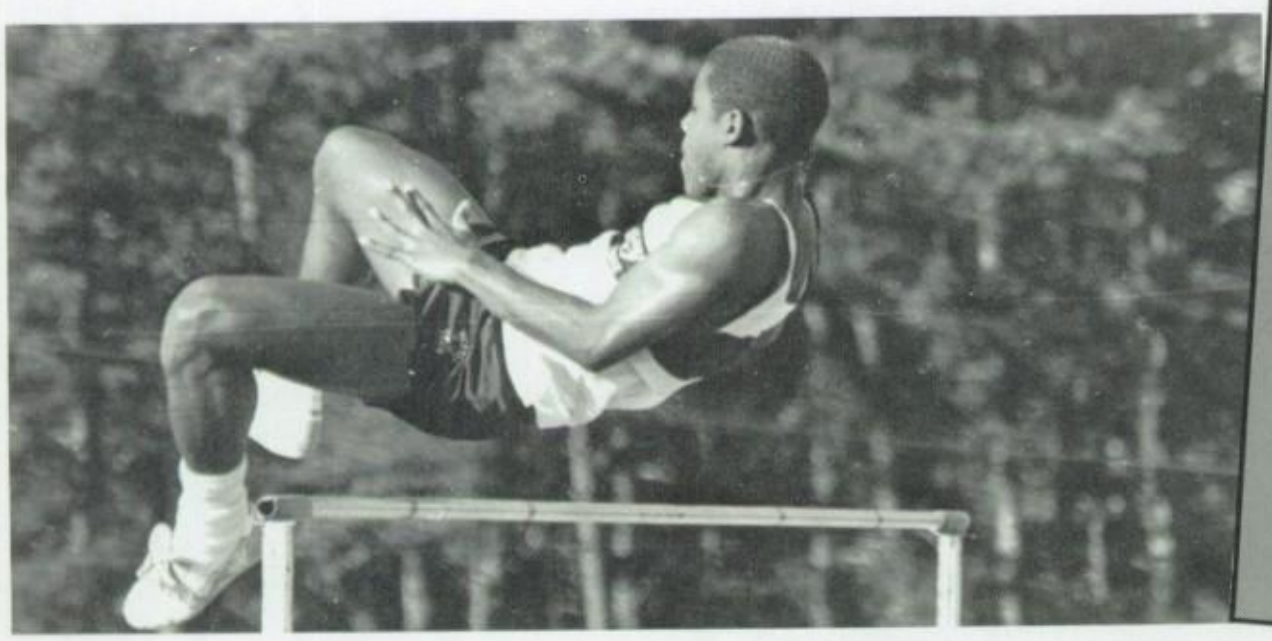
In the final analysis, Hickory was dominant all around. In the field events, Toby Texer garnered the conference title in the discuss, while senior Felicia Sudderth controlled the discuss and shot put competitions on the girl's side. Other key performers included, Larry Clark for the boys and Donna Eckerd for the girls.

Meanwhile, the track events featured the exploits of senior Tammy Clemens, who not only won the 100 meters and the 200 meters at the conference meet, but also performed well enough in the sectional and regional meets to advance to the state meet, where she finished sixth. On the boy's side, Darin Burch proved to be the star for the Red Tornadoes. Burch, a junior, swept all of his competition in the triple jump, also known as the hop, skip, and jump, and advanced to the state meet at the end of the year where he wound up fifth.

Other key people for Hickory's track team included Phillip Costner, who represented Hickory in the distance races such as the 1600 meters and the 3200 meters with a steady consistency. Meanwhile, Steven Stinson ran the sprint races, while Stephen Fuller and Harland Dick were stellar in the hurdles. In the high jump, David Preslar and Darrell Banks proved to be the stars.

1986 was indeed another banner year for the Hickory Track Teams and with a wealth of young talent coming up, Hickory's dominance in track and field competition should be expected to continue.





Leaping through the air like superman, Hickory Red Tornado trackster Darrell Banks is pictured in flight over the five feet and two inches bar. Banks was one of the key high jumpers on this year's varsity track team. David Preslar was another key high jumper on the varsity track team. Hickory finished in first place at this meet held at Hickory High School.

Dusting her competitors in the Hundred-Meter dash, senior Tammy Clemmons applies the finishing touches as she leans over the finish line. Clemmons won this sectional

"I was pleased with the dedication the team showed."

— Coach Larry Wittenberg

meet and advanced to the state 4A championships where she was eliminated because of slipping at the start. Clemmons was voted Most Valuable Sprinter, also.

1st Row: Jimmy Fuller, Stuart Fowler, Chris Caugh, Kent Kercher, Phil Costner, Stephen Fuller, Joe Taylor, Mark Hoyle, Matt Guzi, Mark Austin. 2nd Row: Stuart Fowler, Stephen Sinson, Larry Clark, David Doby, David Preslar, Darren Burch. 3rd Row: Damon Surrat, Curtis Cunningham, Brent Dula, Tracy Grahm, Harland Dick, Chad Culbreath, Tony Ramseur. 4th Row: Will Thompson, Matt Hinckle, Charlie Henry, Chris Hopper, Tyrone Clemmons, Phil Powell, Marcus Roseman, Rance Nichlos, David Ditz, Michael Fisher, Maurice Hunsucker, Niel Davis, Junior Odom, Matt Runce, Larry Offill.

1st Row: Sharon Wicker, Cristy Caywood, Sonya Bisbee, Katie McDowell, Lisa Ellis, Lara Max. 2nd Row: Kendell Owens, Toshia Mayhew, Elizabeth Mull, Nadasca Smith, Eve Szentiski, Janie Mullis. 3rd Row: Marcy O'Toole, Donna Eckerd, Jann King, Leigh Lomax.

JV/FROSH BASEBALL

ALMOST THERE

Starting the season off slow, the 1985-'86 junior varsity baseball team ended up the Northwestern Conference co-champions. The junior varsity compiled an 8-2 conference record of a 9-5 overall record.

The Jay Vees started the season off losing five straight to teams including St. Stephens, West Mecklenburg twice, South Caldwell, and East Burke. But practice and determination brought the Jay Vees back to finish out the season winning nine straight. The Jay Vees Freedom, Watauga, Alexander, St. Stephens, South Caldwell, East Burke and again Freedom, Watauga, and Alexander.

Donnie Knapp led the hitting batting .523. He was followed by Vince Ackard .404, Matt Moser .404, Harrison Weathers .400, Kyle Garlitz .361, and Aaron Speagle .351.

Meanwhile, having a tough season this year, the 1985-'86 freshman team finished with a record of 3-8. The freshmen's average loss was only by two points. Coach Steve Frye said, "We had a tough season but I feel they did their best to win at each game."

The freshmen started off poorly losing seven games straight. The freshmen were victims of Granite Falls, East Alexander, Hudson, West Alexander, Woodward, and again East Alexander, and West Alexander. Next the frosh won two straight beating Granite Falls and Woodward. They lost the final game to Hudson. At the end of the season the frosh entered a tournament. They beat Granite Falls in the first game but lost to Hudson and were relieved from the tournament.

Eddie Brannock, Chris Walling, and Ronald Whitner led the team in pitching.

1st Row: Matthew Rothert, Kyle Garlitz, Vince Ackard, Brandon Dirks, Sam Ruff, Aaron Speagle. 2nd Row: Scott Miller, Jeff Miles, Matt Moser, Brad Bowman, Harry Weathers, Don Knapp, Dave Craft.

"The team showed great improvement and teamwork and it was a good group to coach."

— Couch David Craft

Warming himself up prior to taking his place in the batter's box, sophomore Donnie Knapp looks out across the field in this Hickory JV home game against Freedom. The JV Red Tornadoes won this battle easily to start a remarkable turn-around that saw the team finish in first place in the conference.

1st Row: Sam Walsh, Chuck Moyer, Hal Marvin, Todd Teague, Doug Paige. Middle: Mike Gadd, Chad Parris, Tom Wells, Ed Brannock, Chris Walls. Top: Ron Dillingham, Tom Little, Ron Whitner, Bryant Pierce.

With an umpire's view of the pitch, junior Troy Harris fires in a pitch, for the junior varsity, which ended up to be a strike. Harris later fanned this Spartan batter en route to a 12-2 victory by the junior varsity and started their winning streak in the latter part of the season. Harris ended up with seven strike-outs at this game.

Varsity Tennis

DOMINATION!!

Domination is the word that can describe what the 1985-'86 Hickory High boys' tennis team did this year.

Under first year head coach Steve Morgan, the team had a record of 13-1 and won a total of 97 matches. This team effort to win was good enough for the squad to be crowned the Northwestern 4-A Conference champions. Coach Steve Morgan explains the year, "Our team had many good players with great attitudes."

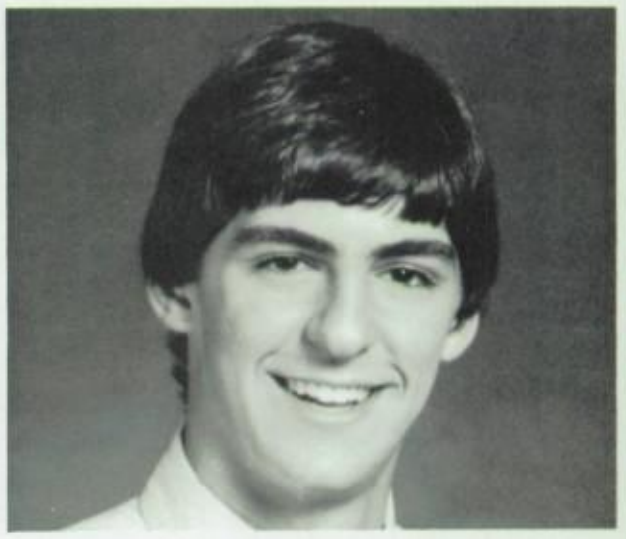
The season started on an up note winning three games straight and a total of 27 matches. They gained victories over South Caldwell, East; Burke, and McDowell. Against Freedom the Red Tornados had a disappointing loss of 4-5. This defeat did not get team spirits down because they finished the season winning nine straight, beating Watauga, Newton, South Caldwell, E. Burke, McDowell, Alexander, Freedom, Watauga, and ending the year with a 9-0 shut out of Alexander.

The two players on the tennis team, Eddie Alala and Eric Lutz teamed together in the doubles category. They won the Sectional tournament and advanced to the state. Deke Shepler was also in the Sectional tournament along with Scott Stone. Stone was eliminated in the Sectionals but Shepler advanced to the State tournament and was eliminated there.

Scott Stone received the coach's award at the Spring banquet. Alala received most valuable while Deke Shepler got most improved.

1st Row: Corey Morgan, Robert Biasner, David Houk, Bill Lewis, Patrick Burnside, Buzzy Correl, Mark Teague, Sam Gorham. 2nd Row: Deke Sheplar, David Duncan, Eddie Alala, Eric Lutz, Scott Stone, Charlie Nutting, Jeff Walters, Coach Steve Morgan.

Freshman Deke Shepler, shown here, played number 1-3 on this year's tennis team. Shepler qualified in the Sectional tournament but was edged out in the state tournament.



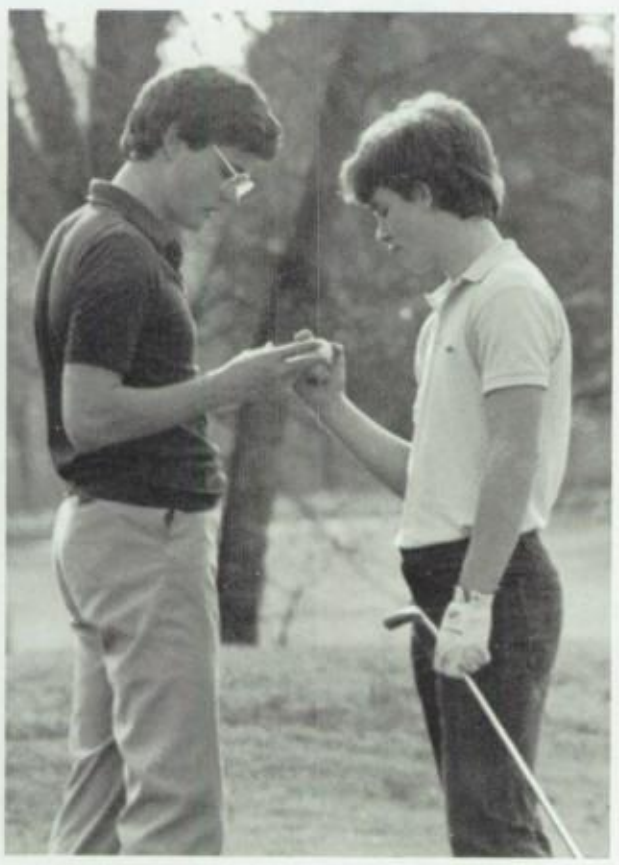
The only senior on this year's varsity tennis team, Eddie Alala, is shown here. Alala was voted Most Valuable Player on this year's team.

FORE!!! PLAY

Varsity Golf

Bending over to pick up his ball which he just made for par is senior Rick Taylor. Taylor was the only senior on the fine young golf team. Taylor had a year average of 79.2 and a four year average of 82.4. He has qualified for the sectional tournament two years straight.

Selecting a five iron, junior Don Hefner prepares to concentrate on the par three 17th hole that awaits him, in a match against South Caldwell at Catawba Country Club.



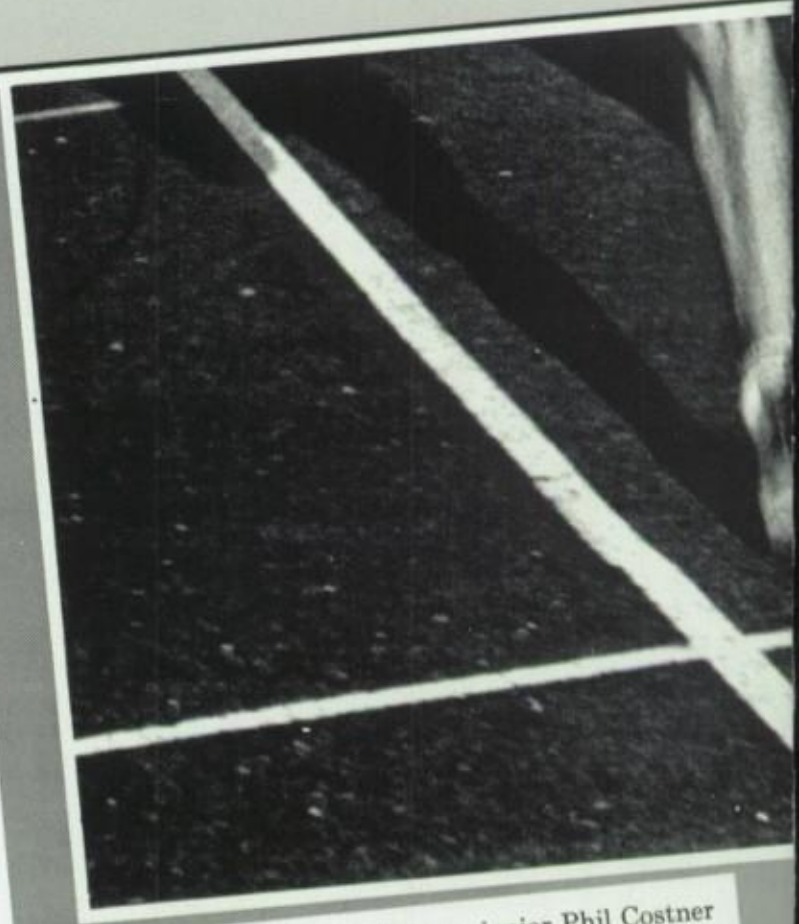
Using knowledge gained from past experiences junior David Dillon and sophomore David Morgan, examine their balls to see if they need replacement.

The 1986 Hickory High golf team experienced a very frustrating year. As the result of a rule infraction the squad had to forfeit three of its nine regular season matches. The Red Tornadoes ended up with a final record of 3-6. Mike Griffin expresses his feelings about the year, "The season was good and although the forfeits hurt us, we still had a respectable finish in the conference." The team finished third in the NWC. Mike Lefevers and Rick Taylor helped the team throughout the year with their excellent golfing maneuvers. Lefevers and Taylor were named to the sectional golf team for Hickory, along with Don Hefner, Mike Griffin, and Chris Taylor.

At the sectional golf tournament the team finished fifth out of eight teams with 324 points. The squad was nine shots off the second place team and qualifying for the state tournament. Freshman Chris Taylor shot a 78 and was 1 shot away from going to the state championships. All in all the year was disappointing, but with 4 out of the top 5 players returning next year looks hopeful.

1984

Spring



Straining for the finish line, junior Phil Costner outdistances an Ashbrook High School runner to finish second in the 3200 meter race during a conference meet at HHS.

1985

Sports

TRACK

The 1985 Boy's Track team had a very impressive season under head coach Larry Wittenberg, finishing second in the tough Western 4-A Conference and advancing several top performers to the regional track competitions.

Top performers for the Hickory squad included seniors Rodney Wingate and Michael Shuford, who both battled throughout the year in the 100 and 200 meter sprint races winning several times, along with fellow senior William Hall, who competed in the 1600 meter event during the season and qualified for the regionals.

Other key performers on the team were sophomore David Preslar, who captured a couple of top places in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles along with Steve Fuller.

Kent Kercher and Phil Costner also assisted Hall during the year in the longer distance events, each placing second or third behind their teammate.

Sophomore Larry Clark led in the shot put and discus events.

Waiting for the pop of the gun, Bryant Corpening and some other Red Tornado runners get in their starting positions ready to spring out and sprint 200 meters.

Completing his spin before releasing the discus, sophomore Todd Blackburn hopes for a winning toss during a conference meet held at the Hickory High track.

Front Row: Steven Stinson, Darren Burch, Jimmy Fuller, Joe Doe, Steven Fuller. 2nd Row: Michael Shuford, Mark Austin, Tyrone Bogues, Chadwick Tucker, Harland Dick, Robert Dula. 3rd Row: Chris Lyerly, David Dillon, Kent Kercher, William Hall, Mike Cates. 4th Row: Phil Costner, Andy Huffman, John Milholland, Danny Buckner. 5th Row: Michael Buvid, Andy Macafee, Billy Benson, Larry Clark. 6th Row: Toby Texer, Brian Griffith, John Buvid, Todd Blackburn.

Exhibiting perfect form as he passes over a hurdle, freshman Harland Dick continues down the track in the 300 meter high hurdle event in a meet at Hickory high.

TRACK

The 1985 Girl's Track team under the direction of veteran head coach Jim Coble experienced an excellent year, capturing the Western 4-A Track title and breaking a couple of school records.

The Lady Red Tornado team came from a second place seeding in the conference meet then completely blew away the competition, winning with 154 points.

The conference meet was about all the competition Hickory experienced as rain postponed several meets.

That didn't stop juniors Felicia Sudderth and Jann King from breaking school records, however, as Sudderth set a new mark in the shot put at just over 35 feet while King set a record in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.1 seconds.

Also performing well were Tammy Clemmons, who won three events in the conference meet, and Anne Prevatte, who captured the 800 meter event at the competition.

Nadine Williams also paced the Lady Red Tornadoes, winning the triple jump.

Varsity Girls Track 1984-1985 Varsity Girls Track 1984-1985 Varsity Girls Track 1984-1985

Loosening up those stiff muscles junior Jann King limbers her body before competing against conference opponents in the 200 meter hurdles during a meet at Freedom High School.

Using all her strength, junior Felicia Sudderth prepares to release the shot put as her left foot approaches the edge of the throwing circle in a conference meet at Hickory High.

1st Row: Leah Petry, Shannon Hefner, Katie McDowell, Detral Ellison, Tonya Burch, Melodie Williams, Linda Frye, Cristy Caywood, Sonya Bisbie. 2nd Row: Anne Prevatte, Rachel Jones, Morgan Rhoney, Nadine Williams, Halley Farrel, Dorothy Shuford, Donna Beaver, Adele McLean, Sara Cook. 3rd Row: Felecia Sudderth, Angela Beaver, Tammy Clemmons, Donna Eckerd, Caroline Chambliss, Leigh Lomax, Lisa Ellis, Jann King.

Trying for that extra few inches, Nadine Williams reaches for more distance in the long jump event.

SOFTBALL

The 1985 Varsity Softball team went through an up-and-down season on its way to a 9-7 overall record.

The Lady Red Tornado squad was loaded with a number of juniors and sophomores and was coached by Laurie Newman.

After suffering a tough 7-6 opening game loss to Alexander, Hickory rebounded to split a double-header with South Caldwell. The Lady Red Tornadoes then swept two games from conference rival Asheville by scores of 16-4 and 7-2.

Those two wins were followed by consecutive losses to McDowell High School, however, but Hickory was able to come back and took one of two games from powerful Freedom.

Hickory then split two games with Ashbrook before winning its last four games of the regular season over Western 4-A foes Hunter Huss and East Burke.

Those four wins gave Hickory a 9-5 record in the conference and forced a playoff between the Lady Red Tornadoes and Freedom to see which team would advance to the state playoffs. Freedom earned a 9-5 win over Hickory to end the season for HHS.

With her eyes tuned into the batter, junior third baseman Kim S. Huffman waits to make a play in Hickory's 7-2 win over Asheville to complete a double header sweep for the Red Tornadoes.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	6	Alexander	7
Hickory	6	S. Cald.	8
Hickory	8	S. Cald.	13
Hickory	16	Asheville	4
Hickory	7	Asheville	2
Hickory	2	McDowell	7
Hickory	6	McDowell	12
Hickory	9	Freedom	6
Hickory	12	Freedom	15
Hickory	5	Ashbrook	3
Hickory	1	Ashbrook	5
Hickory	8	H. Huss	7
Hickory	5	H. Huss	2
Hickory	10	E. Burke	7
Hickory	8	E. Burke	2
Hickory	5	Freedom	9

Taking a break between innings, junior Ginger Price gulps down the "Thirst Quencher" during the 5-3 home victory over the Ashbrook Greenwaves at Stanford Memorial Stadium.

Front Row: Cynthia Rivera, Jenny Propst, Jamie Waldrop, Angie Whitner, Beth Hager, Donna Smith, Kim S. Huffman. Back Row: Coach Laurie Newman, Mary Henson, Montye Brewer, Leslie Collins, Anne Clegg, Ginger Price, Patty Fredericks, Cindy Summerlin, Shannon Spainhour.

No, this is not an alien attack but junior Hickory High Softball catcher Beth Hager as she awaits the warm-up pitch from pitcher Mary Henson in a 9-6 win over Freedom for the Red Tornadoes.

BASEBALL

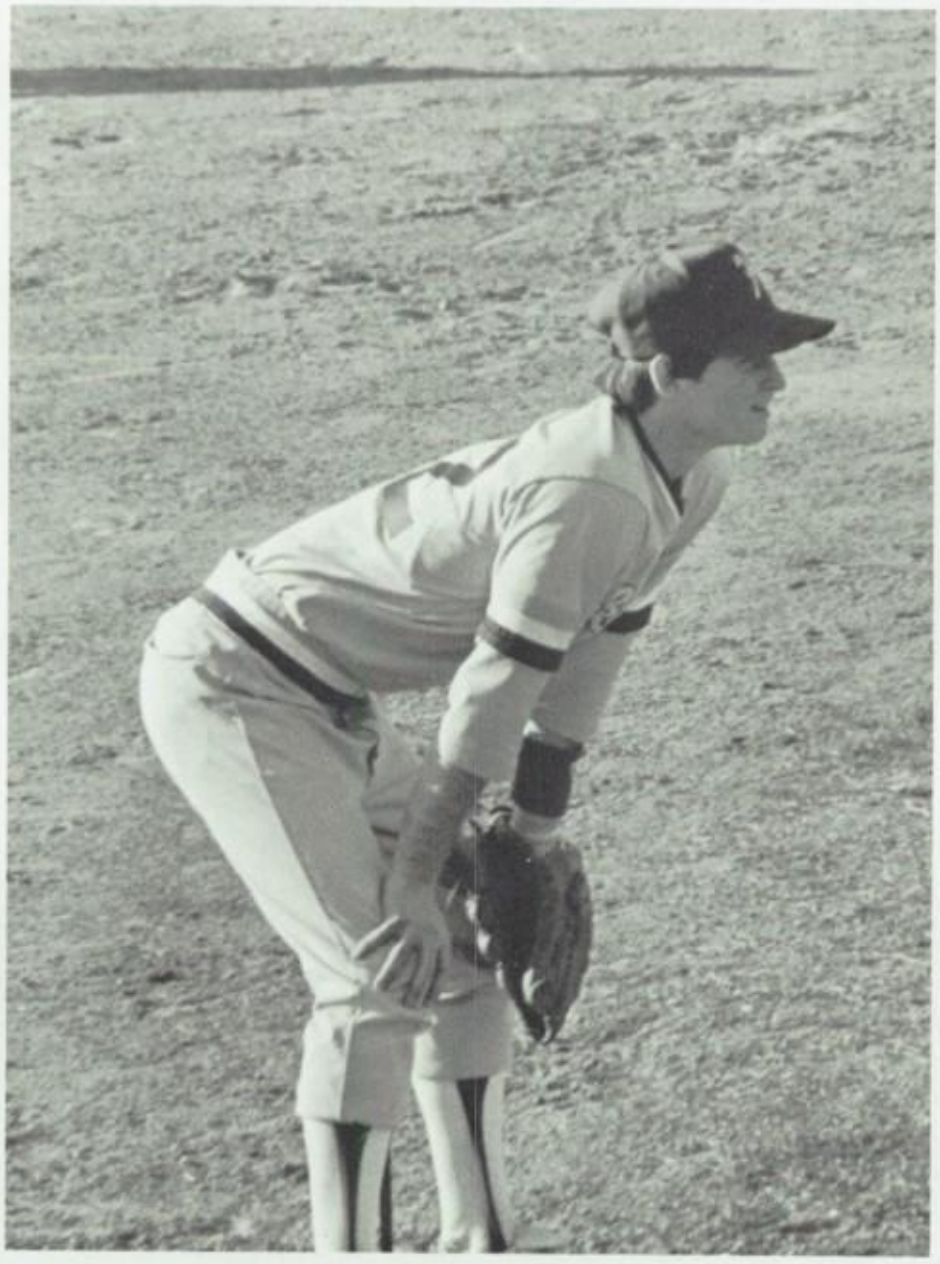
The 1985 Varsity Baseball season proved to be a frustrating year for the Red Tornadoes and first-year head coach Steve Yount as the Hickory squad battled against the best teams in the state, losing several close ball games to finish with a 4-10 record in the Western 4-A Conference.

An example of Hickory's tough year is exemplified by the fact that Hickory suffered a 9-7 loss to eventual State Runner-up Ashbrook and a narrow 2-1 loss to perennial baseball powerhouse South Caldwell.

Yet, despite Hickory's poor record, they were several shining features to the season. For example, the Red Tornadoes showcased one of the finest infielding teams led by Grant Brittain, Mark Byers, Michael Craft, and Michael Townsend.

Brittain, a junior also paced the Hickory hitting attack along with Byers and Andy Hines.

The Red Tornado pitching staff also turned in some fine performances, led by juniors Tim Malone and Jeff Henson along with senior Hines.



Mike Craft, Hickory third baseman, readies himself for defense. Craft also doubled as a pitcher for the Red Tornadoes. Hickory won this game against Watauga 8-2.

Hickory	3	Ashbrook	9
Hickory	22	Asheville	10
Hickory	6	S. Cald.	10
Hickory	6	McDowell	5
Hickory	8	Freedom	10
Hickory	3	H. Huss	14
Hickory	2	E. Burke	3
Hickory	7	Ashbrook	9
Hickory	9	Asheville	4
Hickory	1	S. Cald.	2
Hickory	3	McDowell	5
Hickory	6	Freedom	8
Hickory	2	H. Huss	13
Hickory	2	E. Burke	4

Giving it all he has, senior Andy Hines throws a strike. Despite his great efforts, the Red Tornadoes could not come up with enough runs as they lost to Freedom 10-8.

1st Row: Bryan Clontz, Mark Davis, Mike Craft, Steven Triplette, Tim Malone, Jeff Henson, Mark Byers, Bobby Dettelbach. 2nd Row: Grant Brittain, Mike Malone, Dent Guarino, Andy Mackie, Michael Townsend, Bobby Yount, Andy Hines. 3rd Row: James White, Kent Rhoney, Rodney Cook, Brian Simmons.

Looking toward the backstop for a wayward throw from the outfield, junior catcher Bobby Dettelbach prepares to retrieve the ball as a Freedom High runner slides safely home.

BASEBALL

The 1985 Junior Varsity Baseball team compiled an impressive 10-4 mark for the season under head coach Hal Boliek.

Led by players such as Damon King, Neil Barrier, and Ryan Quillian the JV Red Tornadoes often dominated their opposition en route to several easy victories.

King and Barrier paced the Hickory hitting attack and King also aided by stealing several bases while Barrier played a solid third base on defense.

Also starring on the defensive part of the game were Bert Young at catcher along with Wesley Compton, Louis Berry, Marc Swann and Brad Crump.

In pitching, Quillen proved to be the big story of the year as the sophomore right-hander tossed several one and two hitters and a no-hitter late in the year.

After winning its first two games, Hickory then lost two of its next three before rebounding with three consecutive wins. The JV Red Tornadoes then won four of their last six games of the year and finished with a 4-2 record against Western 4-A teams.

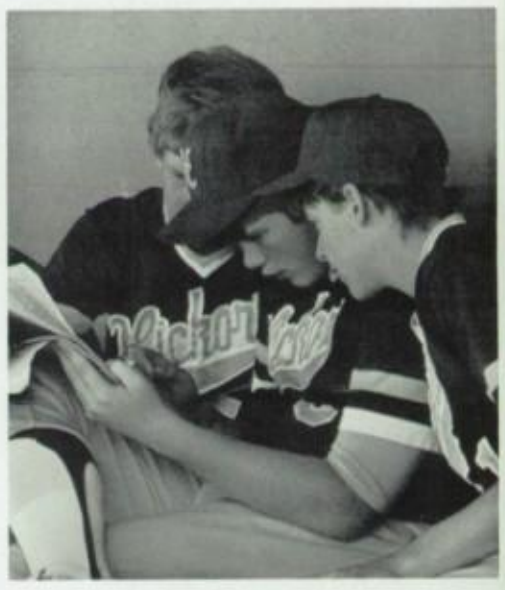
With his eyes sharply tuned into the pitcher's delivery, Todd Rudisill waits for the incoming ball. Hickory won the game over South Caldwell with a score of 5-2.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	8	St. Steph.	0
Hickory	19	St. Steph.	11
Hickory	3	Alexander	11
Hickory	9	Foard	1
Hickory	8	Alexander	11
Hickory	5	S. Cald.	2
Hickory	5	Freedom	1
Hickory	5	Newton	4
Hickory	2	E. Burke	5
Hickory	14	Newton	4
Hickory	4	S. Cald.	2
Hickory	13	Foard	2
Hickory	8	Freedom	9
Hickory	8	E. Burke	4

Using blazing speed to steal third base, sophomore Damon King slides safely into the bag. Hickory won this game over the big arch rival St. Stephens.

1st Row: Shane Mangos, Bert Young, Ryan Quillan, Brad Crump, Neil Barrier, Damon King, Marc Swann, Brian Kiser. 2nd Row: coach Hal Boliek, Fred Clark, Wesley Compton, Todd Rudisill, John Lomax, Burl Smith, Robbie Pugh, Lewis Berry, James Killian.



Trying to add up the Hickory runs, Burl Smith concentrates on getting the score right with a little help from Red Tornado teammates Marc Swann and John Lomax. Remember Burl, two and two does not equal five.

BASEBALL

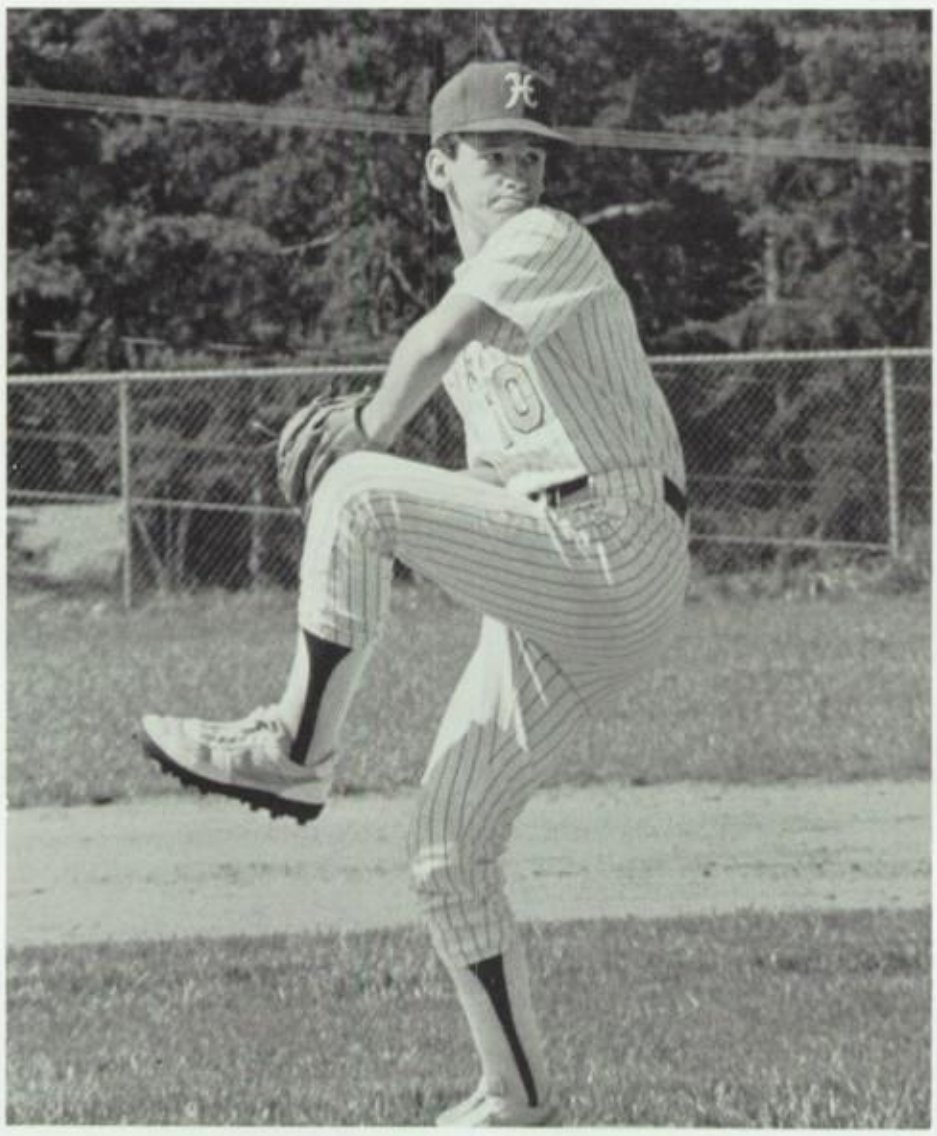
The 1985 Freshman Baseball team battled through an up and down season en route to a 7-5 overall record under head coach Steve Frye.

The team opened with an 8-5 victory over Oakwood then suffered three consecutive defeats before again downing the same Oakwood team by a 13-0 margin.

The freshmen roundballers then won three of their next four contests, including a 20-10 drubbing of West Alexander, before losing to Granite Falls by a narrow 12-11 score.

After that defeat, however, he freshman squad rebounded to defeat Granite Falls in a rematch game then avenged an earlier 4-2 loss to Woodward by topping that team by a 6-1 score to close the season.

Leading players on the team included Donnie Knapp, Harrison Weathers, Aaron Speagle, Thomas James, Vince Ackerd, Kyle Garlitz, Matt Moser, and Brad Bowman.



Hoping for a no-hitter, freshman baseball hurler Thomas James goes through his wind-up and delivers a hard fastball in Hickory's 6-1 victory over the visiting Woodward team.

Taking a practice swing in the on-deck circle, freshman Matt Moser tries to warm-up before his turn at bat. Moser went three for four in this 13-0 Hickory win over Oakwood.

First Row: David Caugh, Brandon Dirks, Matthew Moser, Vince Ackard, Thomas James, Aaron Speagle, Andy Crews. Second Row: Kyle Garlitz, Stuart Fowler, Johnny Parker, Brad Bowman, Garret McAllister, Chris Robinson, Donnie Knapp, Harrison Weathers, Keith Moore.

SCOREBOARD

Hickory	8	Oakwood	5
Hickory	4	Hudson	14
Hickory	0	W. Alex.	10
Hickory	2	E. Alex.	11
Hickory	13	Oakwood	0
Hickory	2	Woodward	4
Hickory	2	Hudson	1
Hickory	20	W. Alex.	10
Hickory	7	E. Alex.	6
Hickory	11	G. Falls	12
Hickory	13	G. Falls	8
Hickory	6	Woodward	1

As the opposing pitcher releases the ball, Donnie Knapp begins his swing, carefully watching the approaching ball. Knapp would single and double to help Hickory take a 20-10 win over West Alexander.

Boys Capture Track Title

by Lee Thomas

Hickory boys track team captured the Northwestern 4-A Conference Championship on May 2 at East Burke. The Tornadoes accumulated 156 points to take first place over McDowell, Freedom, East Burke, Alexander Central, Watauga, and South Caldwell. David Preslar placed Hickory with two wins and 29 points. Steve Stinson totalled 26 points, as did Darin Burch. Mark Rhyne and Steve Fuller finished the top scorers with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

In the 100 meter dash, Mark Rhyne came in second, while Steve Stinson and Darin Burch finished in 3rd and 4th. Stinson won the 200 meter with a time of 22.7 seconds. Jimmy Fuller and Kent Kercher finished 2-5 in the 800 meter run, while Phil Costner, Kent, and Mark Davis placed in third, fifth, and sixth places in the 1600 meter run. Costner came in third in the 3200 meter run, also.

David Preslar won the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.09 seconds, while Jimmy Fuller and Harland Dick finished in third and fourth places, respectively. The same three guys were in the 311 meter hurdles' final, with Harland, David, and Jimmy placing in third, fifth, and sixth places. Mark Rhyne, Junior Odom, Steve Stinson, and Darin Burch paced Hickory's 400 meter relay team to first place in a time of 43.8 seconds. Hickory's team in the 800 meter relay was disqualified for dropping the baton.

In the field events, David Preslar won the high jump by clearing 6-0 feet. Daryl Banks finished in second and Neil David came in fourth. Darin Burch won the triple jump with a leap of 46 feet, 5¼ inches. Second place was captured by Steve Fuller and Neil Davis took fifth, the same place David Preslar took in the long jump. Toby Texer's throw of 138 feet won him the discus title, while he and Larry Clark finished 5-3 in the shotput.

Tennis Team Wins Conference

by Greg Coley

Hickory's tennis team beat Wataug 6-3 to capture the Northwestern 4-A Conference title. Hickory, Watauga, and Freedom had the only hopes of clinching this crown. Hickory got a big break as Watauga upset Freedom in a gruelling tennis match. This action left Hickory with only a defeat of Freedom to take over first place late in their schedule. All Hickory had to do was beat Watauga and they did. Hickory clinched sole possession and first place for good with this victory. Congratulations to Coach Morgan for his first tennis conference title.

Eric Lutz(H) def. Brian Durham 6-3, 6-1; Eddie Alala(H) def. Brent Green, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Deke Shepler(H) def. Carl Smith, 6-4, 6-2; Scott Stone(H) def. Sam Flint, 6-4, 6-4; Craig Hall(W) def. Charlie Nutting, 6-2, 6-3; Jimmy Stosheo(W) def. David Duncan, 6-0, 6-1.

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The Sports Year In Review

by Alex Williamson & Marcus Connor

Hickory High School was blessed with many fine teams this year, one in which seven conference championships were won in four sports. The football team had an excellent season in finishing at 7-4 and making the first round of the state 4-A playoffs. Steve Morgan's soccer team also had a fantastic year with a 19-1 record and a conference title. Their lone defeat was at the hands of South Mecklenburg in the state quarterfinals. Both the boys' and girls' swim teams captured the Northwestern 4-A Conference titles following very successful seasons. The boys' and girls' tennis teams also won the conference champaionships, the girls's coming on the heels of an undefeated season. The last two conference titles belong to the Hickory track teams, who had many members on both teams to qualify for the state regionals.

The varsity baseball Tornadoes had a superb season and are in prime position for post-season play. Another sport which imporved was golf, as Hickory fielded its first winning record in years.

Numerous athletes received post-season accolades for their achievements. Some are as follows:

Football: **Mark Rhyne**—J.C. Smith
Dent Guarino—partial scholarship to Gilford

Best blocker—Billy Benson and Benny Lytle
Best defensive back—Kevin Karlton
Best offensive back and **M.V.P.**— Mark Rhyne

Soccer: **Bobby Dettleback**—All-State, All 7-Region, All-Conference. Plans to attend Catawba College.
Carlos Tobon—scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne College.
Hiep Vo—scholarship to Atlantic Christian College.

Grant Brittain—Baseball scholarship to Western Carolina.

Mike Craft—Basketball scholarship to Wingate College.

Leslie Collins—Softball scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Mary Henson—Tennis scholarship to Elon College.

Girls Conquer Conference For Title

by Lee Thomas

Led by Tammy Clemons' three firsts and 38 points, the Lady Tornadoes track team won the Northwestern 4-A Conference Title on May 1 at East Burke. Hickory totalled 163 points in outscoring Watauga, Freedom, East Burke, South Caldwell, McDowell, and Alexander Central.

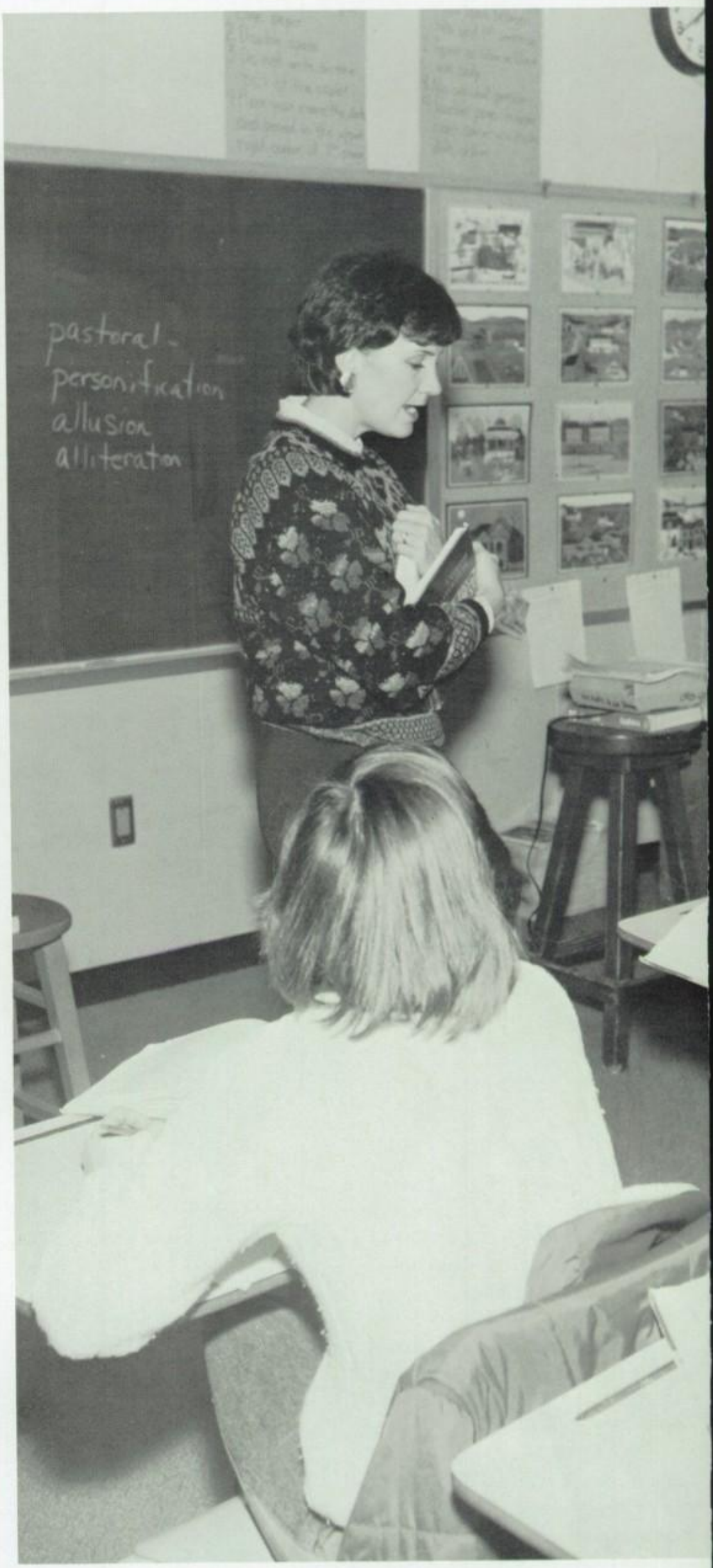
Tammy won the 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes with times of 12.2, 26.3, and 61.4 seconds. Vette Williams finished second in both the 100 and 200 while Sarah Wilson came in fifth and sixth in those events. Christy Caywood placed behind Tammy in the 400 in second place. Sharon Whicker finished in fifth place in the 800 meter final, while Laura Max came in sixth. and fourth in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. In the hurdles events, Kim Szentisi finished sixth in the 10-0 and fourth in the 300, in the same event Jann King came in second. Hickory's girls took both the 400 and 800 meter relays as Vette Williams, Christy Mull, Sarah Wilson, and Kim Thomas ran 51.3 in the 400 and 1:51.8 in the 800. Hickory's 1600 meter relay team placed third in their final.

In the field, Kim Thomas set a new school record in the long jump with her leap of 16 feet 7 inches. Tammy Clemons and Jann King came in second and fourth places, respectively. Jann took second in the triple jump, and Christy Mull came in third. Donna Eckard and Felicia Suddreth scored highly for Hickory in the discus and shotput. Felicia set a new school record with a shove of 37 feet 10 inches in the shot, while Donna finished fourth. In the discus Donna came in second and Felicia placed fourth.

Academics

that figures

Contrary to what parents and teachers think, students don't study all the time. After several hours of academics, the pages become blurred and the only remedy is a study break. After a break, students can be studying in just about anyway and anywhere around school. They study alone, with a friend, during the day, at night, or at the library. Just about anything goes. Academics creates many styles for studying which haven't changed with the times, neither has the reason for studying — it's got to be done!



Poetic devices in literature come alive in Mrs. Cranfill's English IV class. The teacher becomes an "allusion" while students prepare to write from personal experiences.

COMPETENCY WRITING

A MAJOR THEME

From basic English to English IVAG all students are active in some level of English. English is a class that is a requirement to graduate. Students can be exempt out of English their freshman year at college if a certain test is passed. English is a basic course that is needed in everyday life. It is used in everyday conversations. The English department concentrates strongly on Literature and writing skills.

Seniors must be able to pass a writing test to graduate. Juniors and Seniors must also know how to write a research paper. Students of all grades are allowed to participate in plays, skits, reading poems, and researching authors. In the more advanced classes, students must write a theme on almost every book they read. English may not be the easiest course, but students will definitely learn something.

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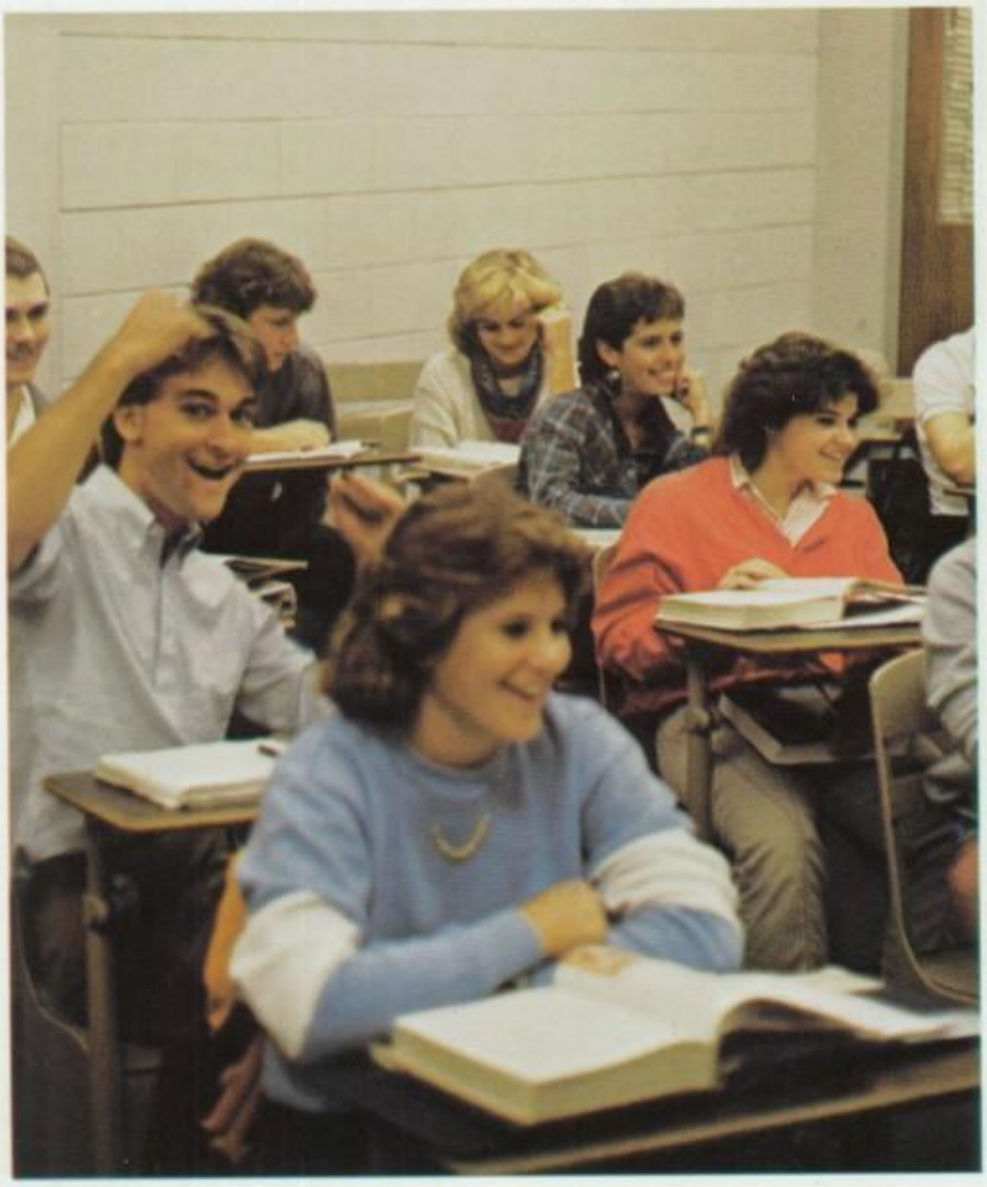
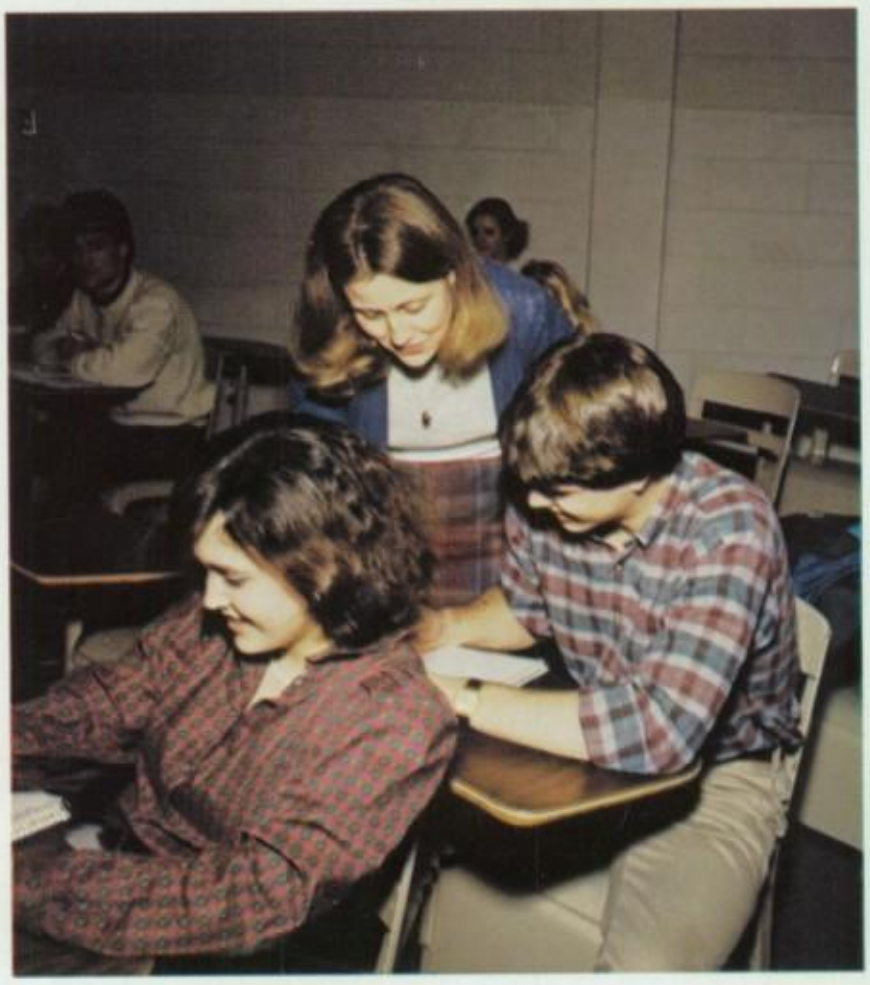


Taking timeout for a brief smile, these students show a little relaxation while grinning at a comical gesture from Mrs. Overcash.

Concentrating or sleeping? With this group it's hard to tell. English, however, is a required course so students must stay alert to pass and graduate.



Mrs. Overcash helps Bob Dickson in his tireless effort to achieve perfection on his English paper.

English, boring? Not for these two Juniors Angela Berassa and Robyne Stone. Creating a light atmosphere rather than a normal class. This pair swap stories about the past weekend.

By no fault of her own, Mrs. Overcash's senior class is far from enthralled with the study of English literature.

HHS BAND:

THE BEAT GOES ON

School spirit would be lost without the band. The group holds concerts, participates in parades, and attends statewide competitions. A lot of enthusiasm and spirit is generated to football games through the band.

Members of the band work extremely hard; just as hard as the members of the athletic department. They spend several hours each week practicing. It takes hard work and special dedication to make it work as does athletics. Freshman Marcus Roseman said, "Being in the band is a lot of hard work, but it pays off in the end with compliments and personal satisfaction."

There are twelve members in the flag corps. David Morrison is the leader of the corps. Freshman Melanie Taylor commented, "I joined flag corps because it looked fun. I was right, it is."

Front row: Julia Smith, Heather Overcash, May Shepler, Janet Morrison. Second row: Michelle Harns, Laura Catwood, Anneli Warren. Third row: Alexia Moffitt, Kim Moore, Cheri Culbert. Fourth row: Darren Lael, Tracy Graham, Marcus Roseman, Kim Sahl, Wendy Wagnon.

Front row: Wenn Townsend, Amy Honeycutt, Jeannie Brown, Tracey Brown, David Chappen. Second row: Suzy Herman, Wendee Hardee, Joy Carpenter, Tracy Fowler, Lisa Jones. Third row: Kathy Lutz, Jonathan Adkins, Kevin O'Toole, Gordon Craig, Carol Punch.

Front row: Lisa Pons, Zack Taylor, Alice Gentry. Second row: Sam Gorham, Sam Walsh, Kelly O'Toole, Donna Eckard. Third row: Scott Miklausich, Chris Johnson, Micheal Bridgeman.

Front row: Philip McClean, Mark Teague, Phillip Brown, Darren Skeen, Lee Suggs. Second row: Pat Cansler, Charles Hornick, John Cagle, John Starnes, David Garria. Third row: Chris Caugh, David Bissette.

Drum majors, Jackie Cartlidge and Elizabeth Cobb used their leadership qualities to direct the crowds to a cheerful and successful football season.

The Hickory High School Band contributed greatly to the Crop Walk by setting a good marching beat for the walkers. The Crop Walk was designed to help stop hunger all over the globe, and Hickory High was proud to have their band participating in such a worthy cause.

Banner carriers: Devin Cartledge, Kim Null. Front row: Kim Szentesi, Angie Williams, Dana Crump, Edwina Crady. Second row: Jenny Bincyzk, Leslie Shrewsberry, Kelly Stephens, Melanie Taylor. Third row: Michelle Johnson, Melissa Reese, David Morrison.

Leading the band through a season of spirit, Jennifer Hewitt twirls her baton to the music.

THE WORST

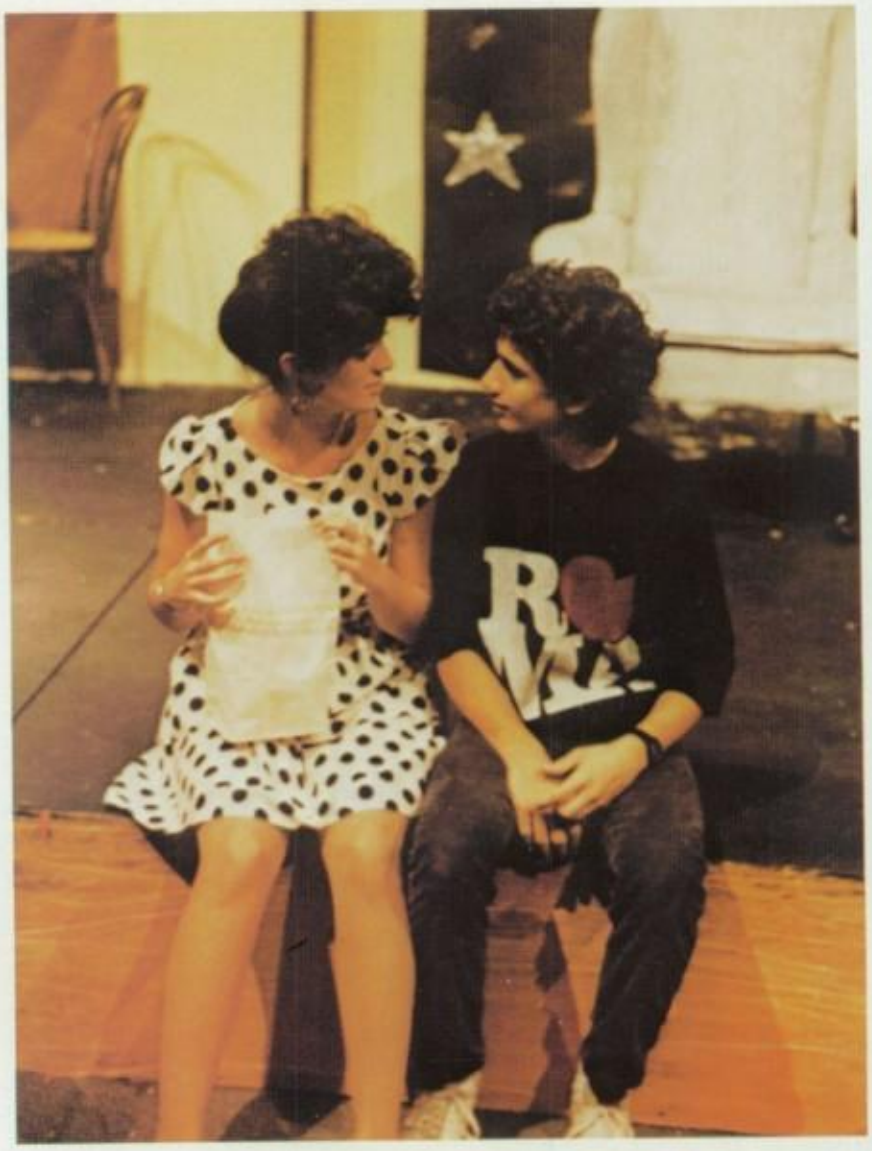
HIGH SCHOOL PLAY EVER?

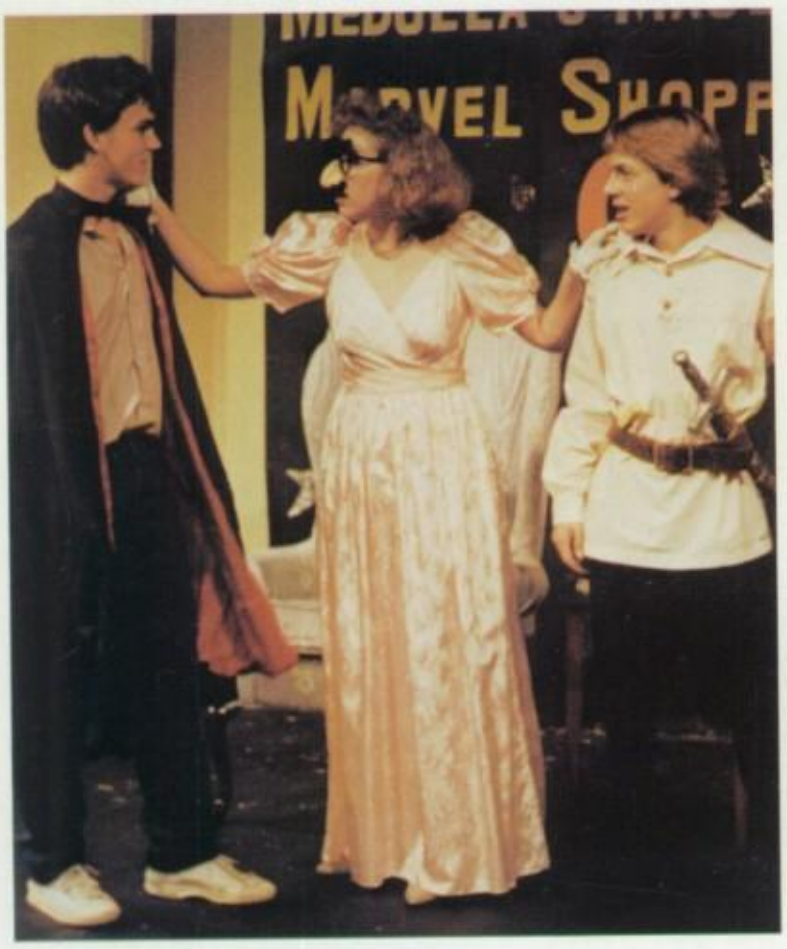
Anyone having been around the drama class would agree; the drama students have "character." Since the classmates assume different identities nearly everyday, their "characters" are certainly very colorful, maybe even fitting into the weird category.

Some students have participated in over ten plays. John Trainer, a junior, played the artful dodger in *Oliver,* General Snippet in *The Mouse That Roared,* and Ivanha in *The Worst High School Play in the World* the fall play this year. Christa Shuford, a freshman, was Charlotte sourberry in *Oliver,* a tart, a strawberry seller, and had a major role in the Hickory Community Theater play, *Dark of the Moon.* David Baker, a senior, appeared in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes, God's Favorite,* and *Pinch Me,* to name a few. All three of these students participated in the fall production either as a lighting person or as an actor/actress. You never know, they may turn out to be another Dustin Hoffman or Meryl Streep.

All the drama students agree that their teacher, Mrs. Gragg, is "the best." They couldn't have chosen anyone better.

As their girth increases, Dax Santi and Mikki Liner slowly make their way to the stage to explain the next scene.





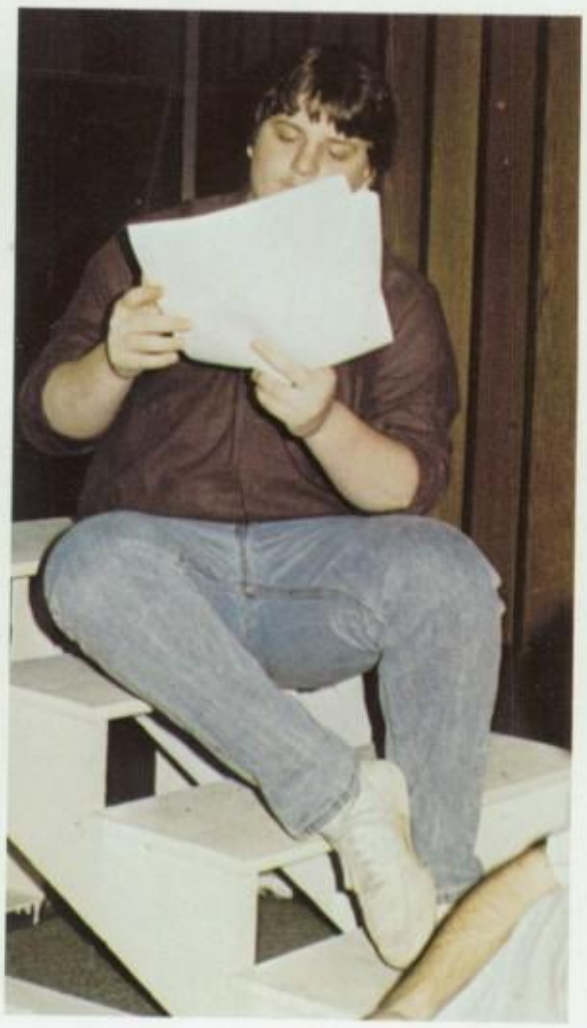
In disguise, Corsicana arrives at Medulla's Magic Marvel Shoppe, hoping to receive a magic potion to cure her baby.

Actresses Angie Carswell and Cristy Owen anxiously warn each other of the impending danger: an attempt on Prince Ivanha's life.

Performing a skit, a favorite activity of most drama students, Flora Fouquet points an accusing finger at Holly Robinson as Meredith Miller looks on.

Disgustingly sophomore Christy Owen, playing Corsicana, shakes a serious disease out of her baby.

Using a repellant potion to drive the would-be abductors away, actress Angie Carswell wears a look of satisfaction as they recoil in disgust.

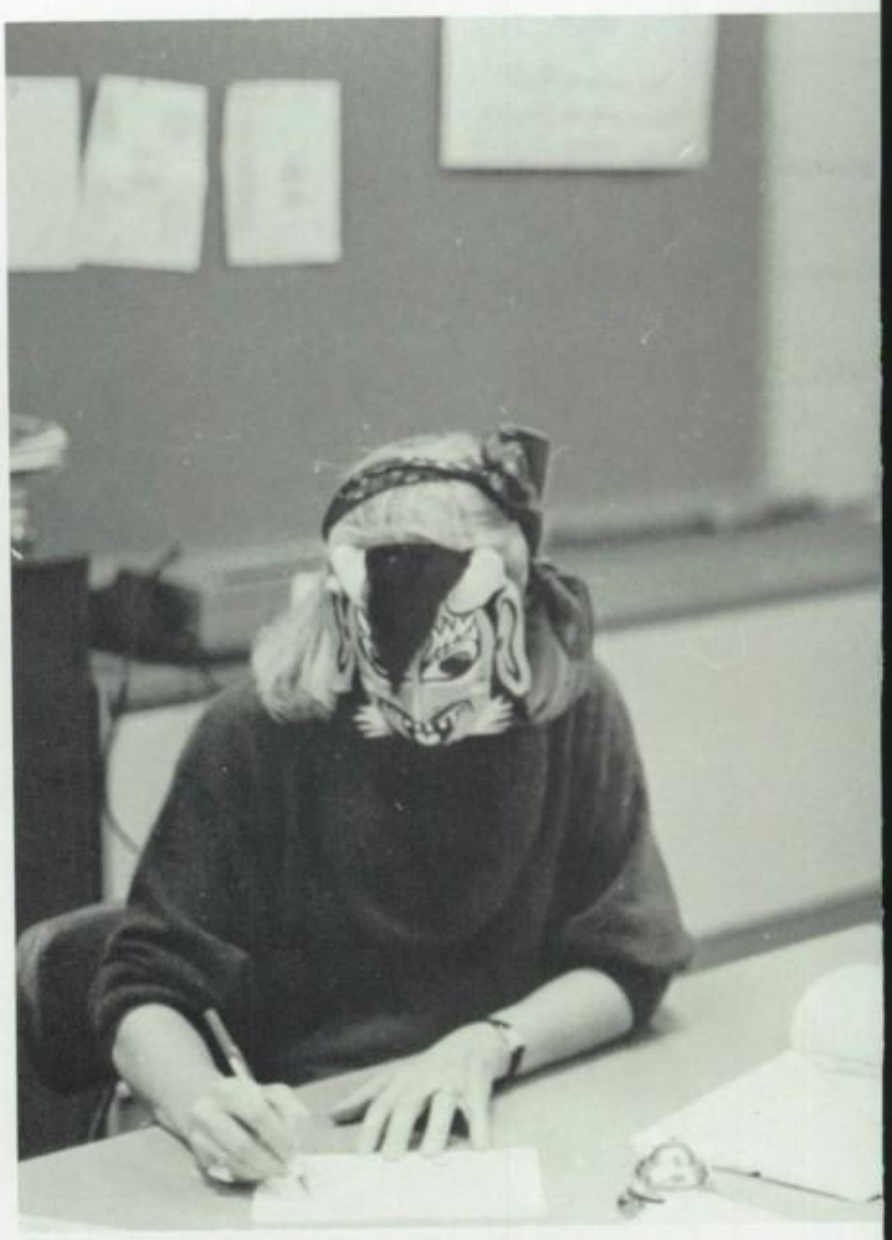


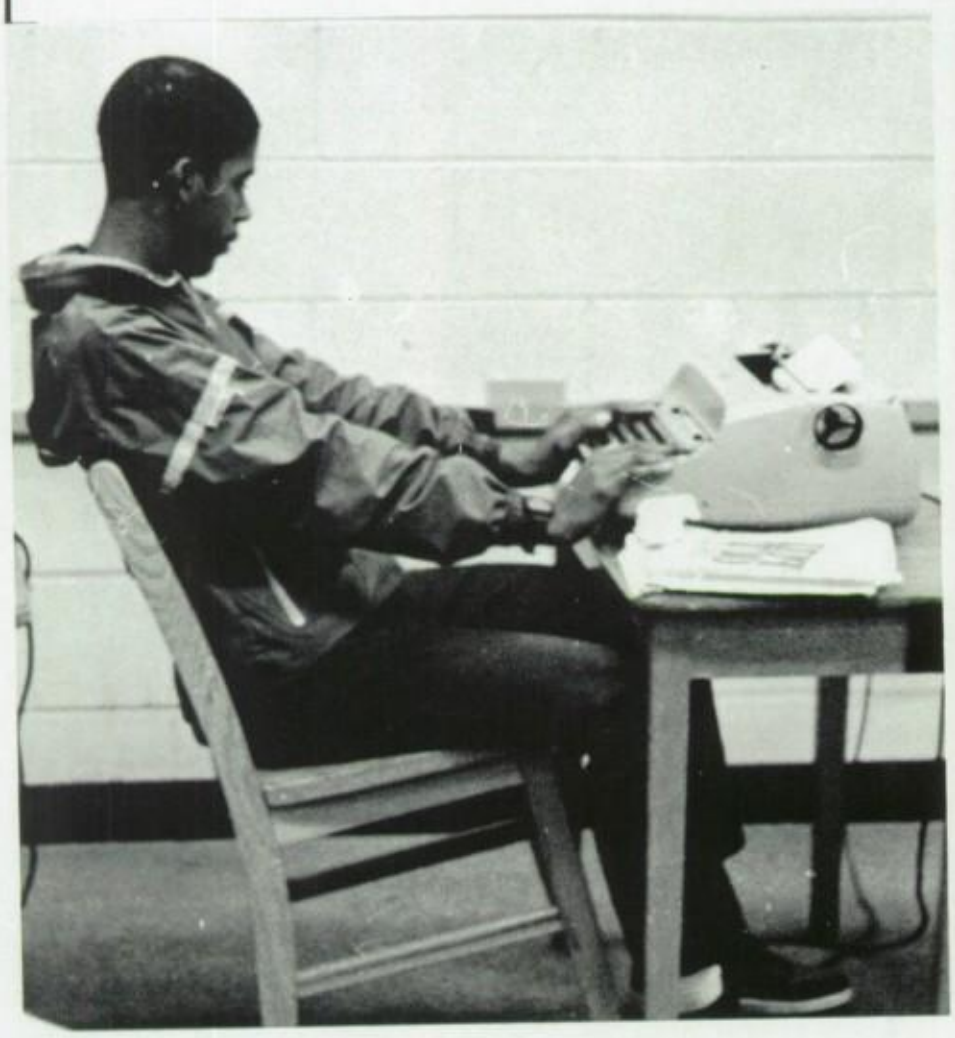
Director Billy Benson wearily checks over actor's lines in the skit they must present to the Drama class.

LET YOUR FINGERS

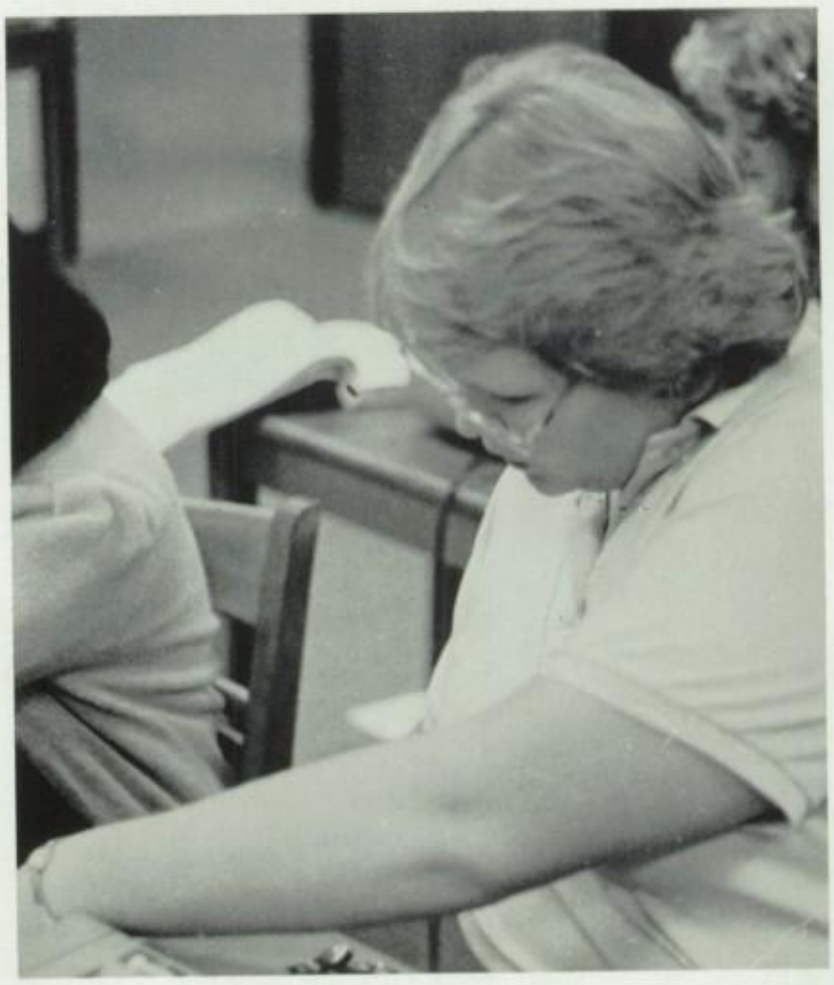
DO THE TALKING

Themes, research papers, and college application are great examples of why so many students take typing, the skill of today. Also, typing is a good class to take before tackling computers, or as explained by Ashley Snow, "I took typing to fill the requirements for the Scholars Program." If this performed well, it can be used to make money as a part time job or a full time job after graduation. If practiced, typing can be useful in many ways throughout your life. In business or leisure, typing is a great advantage. Occupation involving typing are secretaries, office managers, computers, and many other business careers. Used as a relaxation method, typing regularly relieves tension for many people. Typing is sometimes referred to as the "skill of today." This is because typing is now widely used and is a great trade of the business world.





After completing his assignments before everyone else, Jamie Moore reclines in his chair while awaiting his second assignments.

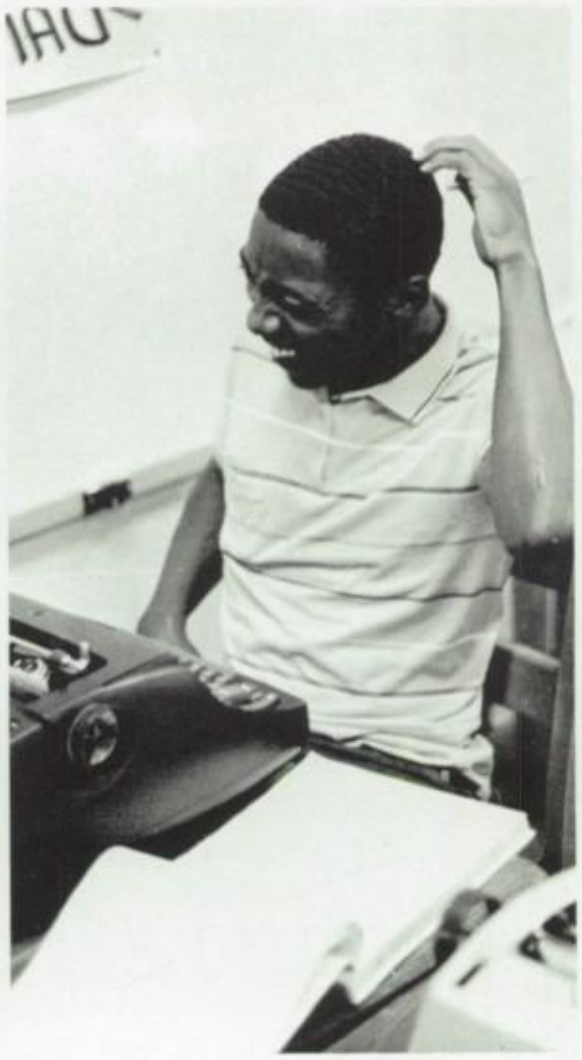


Counting spaces for a speed drill, sophomore Sabrina Hicks studies her paper in depth. She achieved her goal in one minute.

Halloween Festivities bring out the monsters in all of us. Mrs. Dale checks Clay Neill's paper through her terrifying mask.

Studying dilligently for a typing exam, Freshman Angela Young goes over her typing skills.

Surprised by his perfect paper, Curtis Cunningham checks back over in disbelief.



FUTURE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

First row: Beth Kim, Jeff Henson, Mrs. Teague, Yen Nong. Second row: Todd Johnson, Sharon Williams, Robert Bisnar, Donna Smith, Kelly Shepherd, Leslie Whitener. Third row: Missy Graves, Jann King, Loan Le, Ashley Schumate. Fourth row: Andy Mearns, Stephanie Walker, Erica Newton, Michele Munday, Carol Rogers, Billy Benson.

Future Business Leaders of America is a club designed for students interested in a business oriented career. This club gives interested students at HHS an opportunity to become involved in the American business enterprise. The club also gives the members a better understanding of the business system.

At each monthly meeting a various type of business program is presented. Also, FBLA sponsors a scholarship for a HHS senior who the club feels is deserving of such an honor. The scholarship will help further the career plans of that lucky recipient.

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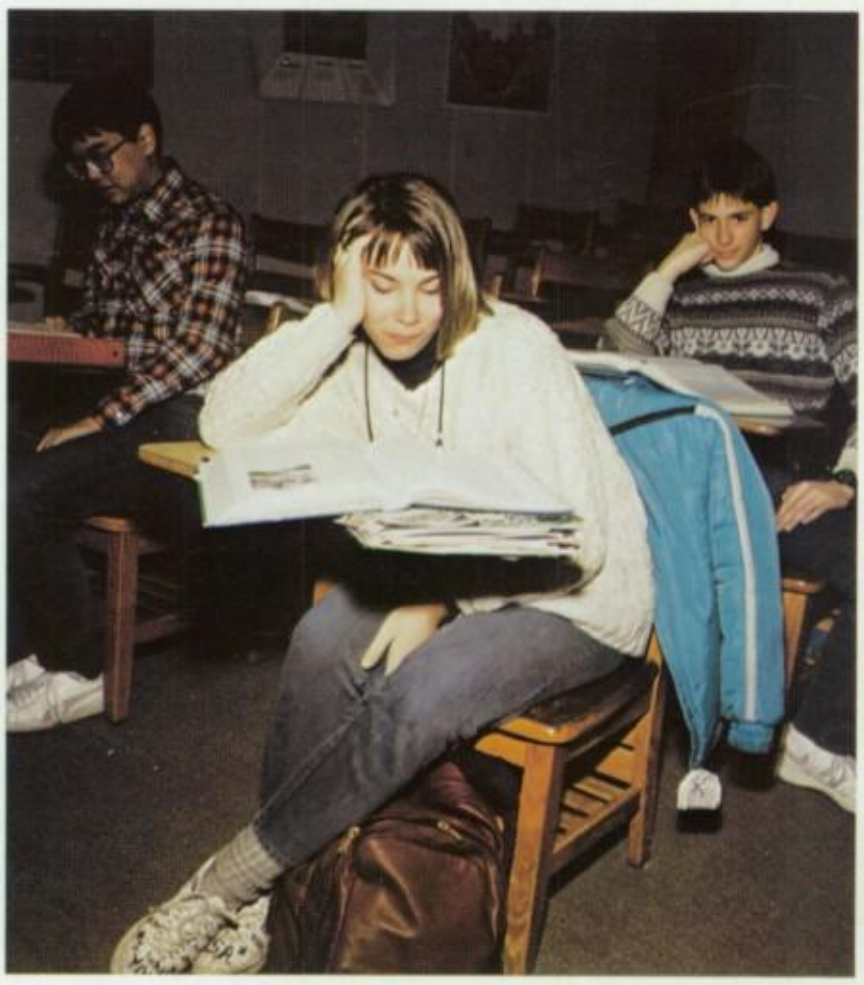
In Psychology class, Mr. Craft explains in detail the new assignment due at the end of the period.

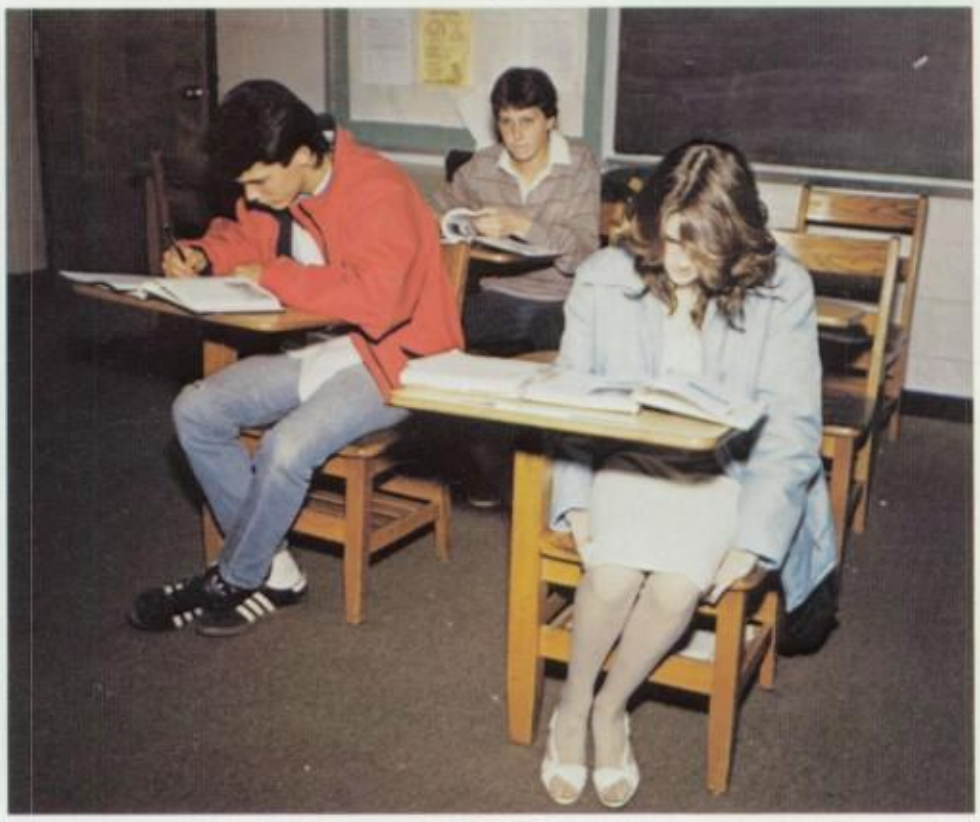
Students and teachers alike are not always serious in class as shown here by Mrs. Smith and Merissa Brittain.



During fifth period World History class, Sara Luno does not appear to be enjoying herself as she studies for an upcoming test.

Students work quietly to get all the notes that are being dictated by Mr. Black, a first year History teacher at Hickory High School.

Mr. Coble carefully traces the map in the book to sophomore Kelly Stephens in World History while Waytte James eagerly listens to the explanation given.



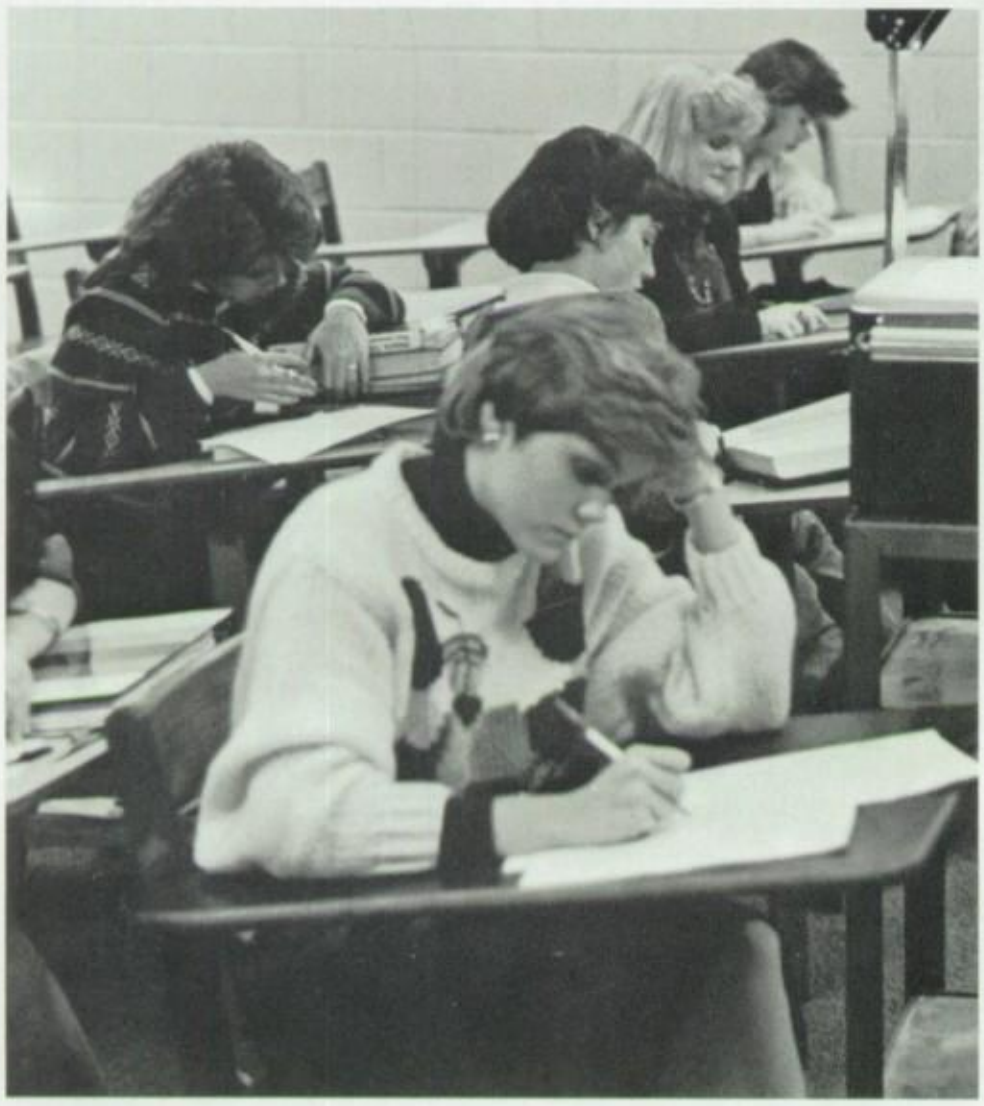
Students answer the Section Survey questions at the end of the chapter in preparation for a difficult test.

. . . BUBBLING

BOILING BREW

Tremendous intelligence at work! Science labs overflow with Bunsen burners, beakers, and goggles. Nine different science courses were offered this year. At the same time, approximately seventy-five percent of the student body was enrolled in a science course; twenty-five percent of those were taking an elective course. For those who could not seem to get enough of the mind-boggling subject, there were advanced courses. Mr. Lutterloh defined an advanced course such as Human Systems as a, "Good prep course for college-bound students." David Morgan, a sophomore in Mrs. Borst's fifth period biology class, felt science was " . . . very useful, especially if you are going into the medical field." Even if a student does not wish to enter medicine, a strong science background can greatly help in the future.

Concentration fills the still air in the biology room as everyone seems to be indepth in their studies.



Diligently, Sara Cook works on Coach Bowne's biology lab due at the end of the 5th period class.

Working together on a lab, Kyle Garlitz and Don Hefner curiously work in Mrs. Key's chemistry class.

Asking a class opinion on heredity, Mrs. Borst gets much response from her 5th period students.

ward a final product as they determine the weight of sodium chlorate samples

In two different worlds, sophomore Tammy Harris and Berri Van Etten pay close attention to a biology lesson. The students were doing a lab on a flame test with different chemicals.

Stirring up a little magic, junior Chuck Wrinkle studies the solubility of potassium and calcium in water with a look of satisfaction.

WHEN IN EUROPE

DO AS THE EUROPEANS

Provocans, or in English, challenging! To many students at Hickory High, foreign languages are fun, challenging, and interesting.

This year, students at Hickory High welcomed a new Latin teacher, Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown has substituted at East Burke High School and Lenoir Rhyne College. She said, "Latin can be most helpful to students in other subjects, especially English and modern foreign languages."

Other foreign languages at Hickory High are Spanish and French. Spanish classes enjoyed activities such as soccer games and going to the Mexican Eatery.

Many students said they would like to see other languages such as German and Italian offered.

Centering their attention to the front of the room, Spanish I students listen to their teachers giving her daily chapter review.

Help comes from classmates as well as Mrs. Stafford as the students review for their first nine-weeks test.

On her own, sophomore Jenny Propst gives her homework a last-minute check.

Spanish students in Mrs. Brinson's class are kept content as they copy their homework assignments off the overhead projector.

Pulling out her test guide, Mrs. Moore gives her students a pretest quiz.

WORKING FOR

THE WEEKEND

Extra money for the weekend is always good to have. Many students' have part-time jobs to help pay for their extra expenses, such as car payments, food, clothes, and movies. You may find teenagers working at their part-time jobs at grocery stores, drug stores, fast food places, department stores, and at the mall. Although most teenagers take jobs to gain experience for future occupations, most are just "working for the weekend."

Students take jobs during the summer to basically pass the time, as junior Erika Bailey puts it, "This summer just went incredibly fast, I never even realized it." Some students even think working is fun! So keep up the good work.

Spending time at the center after school Brad Harris prepares to serve two customers.

Jamie Pfefferkorn politely helps customers at Fresh Air Galaxy.

Patrick Featherstone takes a part-time job after school during the week as a bag boy to help with expenditures on the weekend.

Carefully Zack Taylor bags groceries at Fresh Air Galaxy where he works part-time.

Efficiently Lee Suggs fills an order for a customer in the delicatessen where he works part-time.

SMALL FRYS

AT A SHORT HIGH

The childcare department at Hickory High has many purposes in mind for the kids and the students.

The children play games which are fun, yet they are also educational along with the usual art work and free play. The children usually run on a daily schedule. They have free-play, a group-time, sing songs, a morning snack, art, story time, outside or inside play, and nap time. Those are only some of the goals these children accomplish everyday.

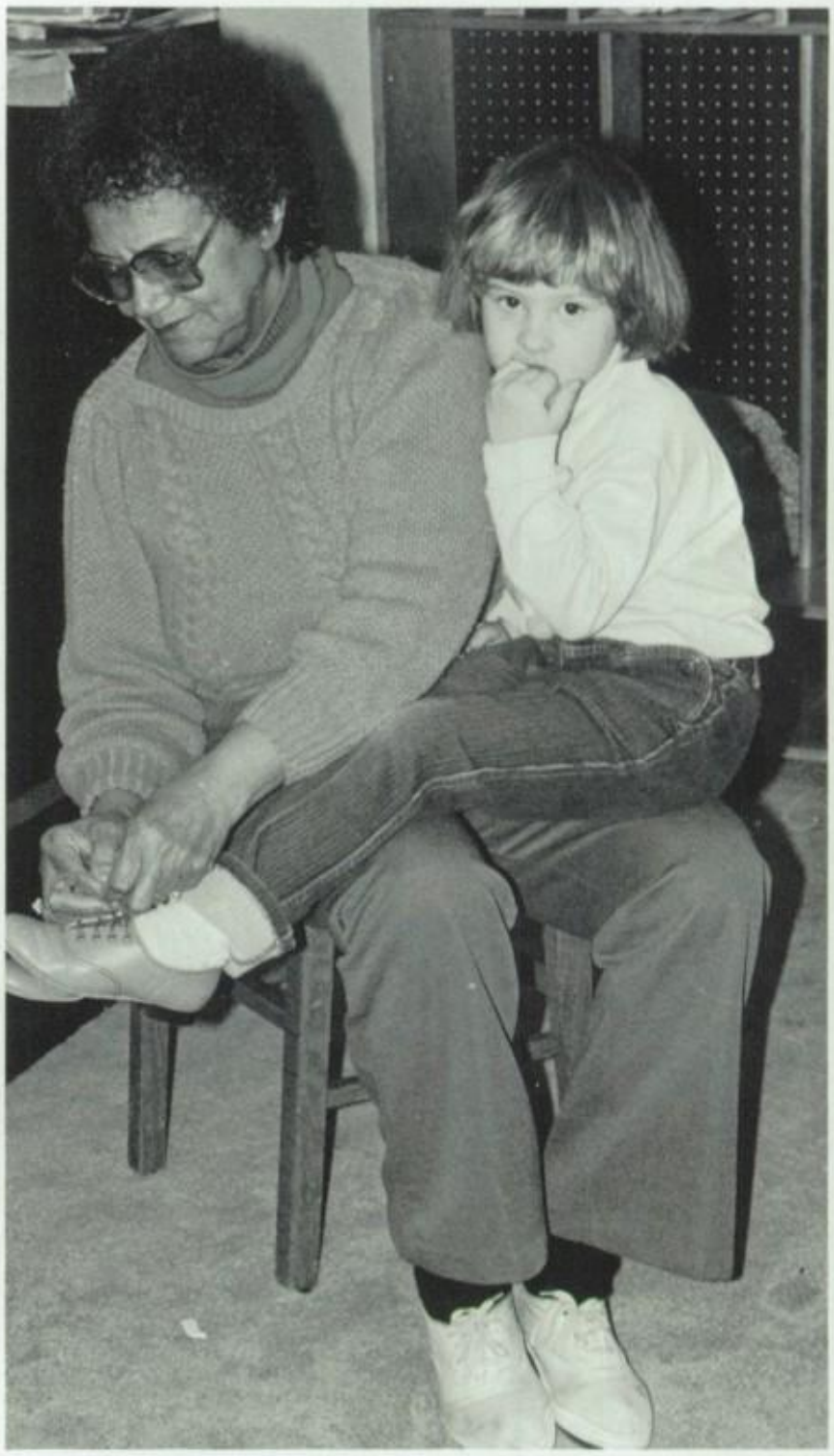
The students grow in their responsibility; appreciation and understanding for children. Childcare helps students to further their knowledge of each child. The student teachers help supervise field trips, help in recreational activities, assist with art activities and much more.

There are twenty-four children in this class and there is a waiting list. The children are ages two to five.

Childcare is a two hour course. The first hour is book-work and the other is lab experiences. The course is worth ten points a semester. The course has no prerequisite to it.

Having asked how she liked childcare, Lenor answered "Yeah, except when we have to sleep."

A little assistance always helps. Mrs. Morgan puts one little girl's shoes on after her few hours of sleep.

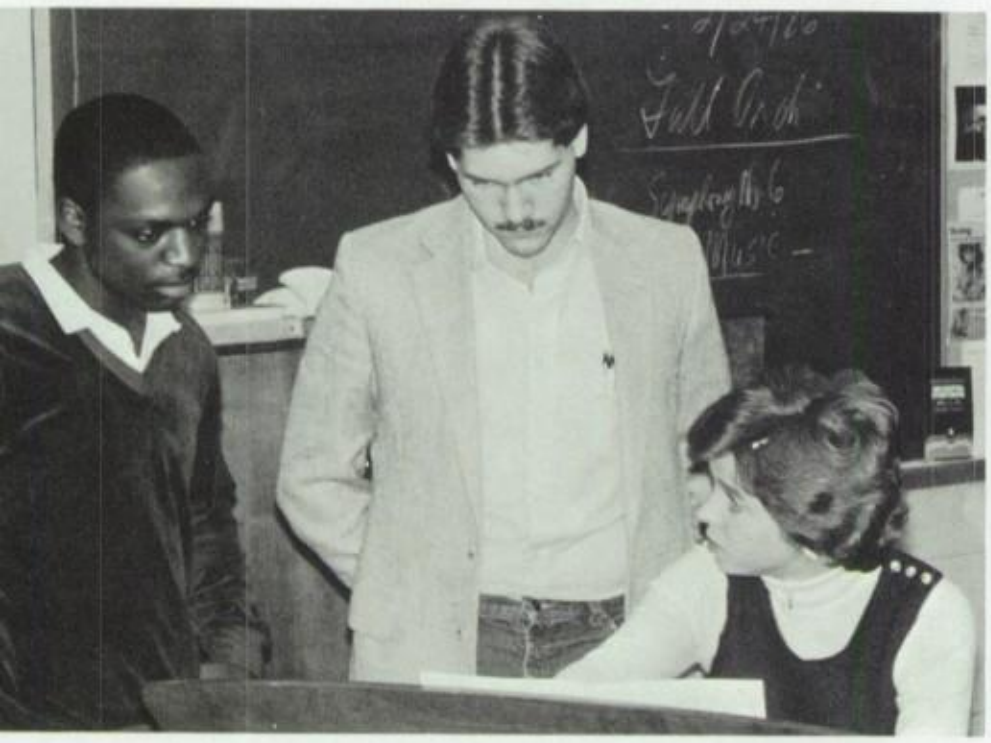


In the classic pose of a little boy, this tired child clutches his blanket for life while sucking on his thumb.

An afternoon snack really hits the spot for the childcare students after they have awaken from their daily nap.

SING WITH HARMONY

While going over last minute preparations, Tom Beckom and Gene Hewitt take a few quick pointers from Miss Waters.



The chorus class this year combines freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors to make a great group of students that work well together. There are about thirty members in chorus. The group will be presenting Christmas programs and going to sing at various places in Hickory. The chorus teacher is Miss Anita Waters. Dana Crump, a freshman and member of the chorus, comments, "Miss Waters is a great teacher. She teaches us what we need to know and picks out great songs. I think chorus is a great idea and a lot of people should be in it. It is a really good program."

First Row: Addie Bradshaw, Kelley Settlemyre, Monica Brown, Michele Munday, and Lisa Sebastian. Second Row: Jennifer Estes, Jodi Buff, Faye Ikard, Stewart Corpening, Bryant Corpening, Delane Jenkins, and Phyllis Wilfong. Third Row: Donna McGill, Holly Robinson, Rockey Streeter, Craig Patterson, Chad Roque, Scott Stephens, Veronica and Tammera Sudderth. Last Row: Darlene Roberts, Heidi Kunstman, Nelson Shuford, Tom Beckmon, Gene Hewitt, David Jennings, Eileen Thomas, and Angie Carswell.

Seniors Chris Lawhon and Denée Gravitte concentrate on defining the music their teacher is playing for them.

First Row: La Dosca Washington, Elise Bolton, Erica Vickers, Sandy Olson, Oibnne Freeman, and Tommy Hector. Second Row: Wesley Powell, James Zore, Shannon Weathers, Victoria McMullens, Sabrina Hicks, Lynn Powell, and Theresa Hodge.

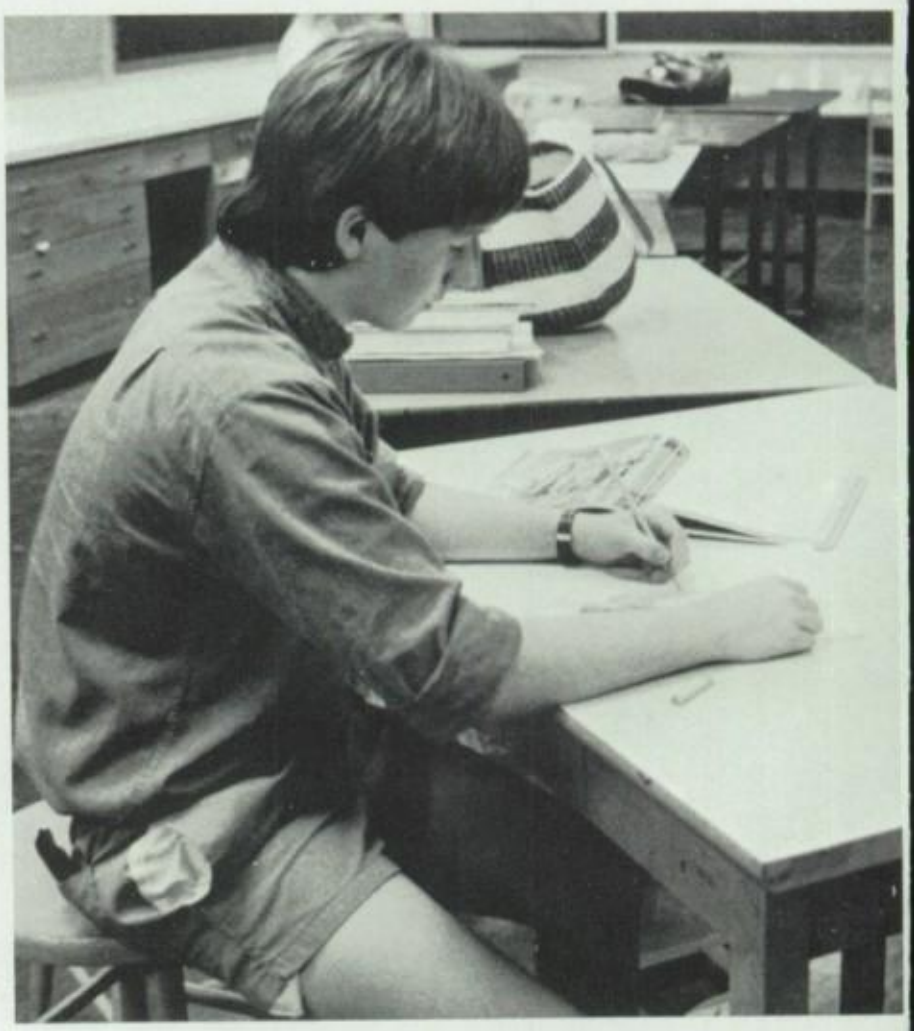
JUST A LIGHT

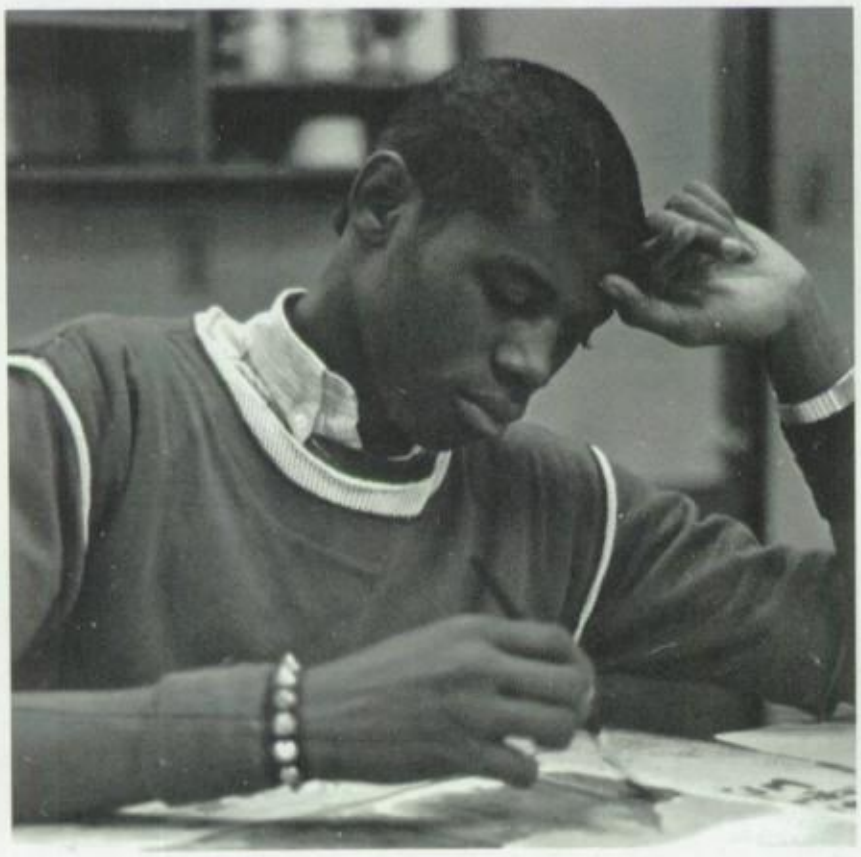
STROKE OF A BRUSH

Art! The art classes this year have been hardworking and dedicated, but every once in awhile they have been known to goof off. Sophomore Wyatt James appreciates the fact that the art classes do not have homework. Freshman Melanie Taylor says of Art I, "We have a lot of fun in art. We enjoy the things we do. Everybody enjoys the drawing and painting assignments best." The drawing and painting assignments, made by Mrs. Verbiest, are natural and mechanical objects or still-life drawings, Students in Art I have drawn zodiac sign pictures. Art II, III, and IV classes were given a choice of three projects; drawing the transformation of a spool of thread to another object, designing an alphabet, using everyday objects, and abstraction of a magazine advertisement.

The Art Gallery, not presented last year, is a showcase in the back of the school when proud artists show off their work. In years past the Art Gallery has been defaced. However, this year Mrs. Verbiest is not as worried. She feels that, "If the art students keep it looking sharp, the other students will not want to ruin it." Junior Dion Santi comments, "Mrs. Verbiest is creative. Personally, I like drawing best." Freshman Charlie Henry says, "It's an easy class. You can't fail!" The art classes have been a real success this year. The students, as well as the teacher, have enjoyed the course.

In a relaxed environment, Eddie Salyards takes a few minutes to do a quick pencil sketch from a magazine. He will use this as a trace for his next work of art.

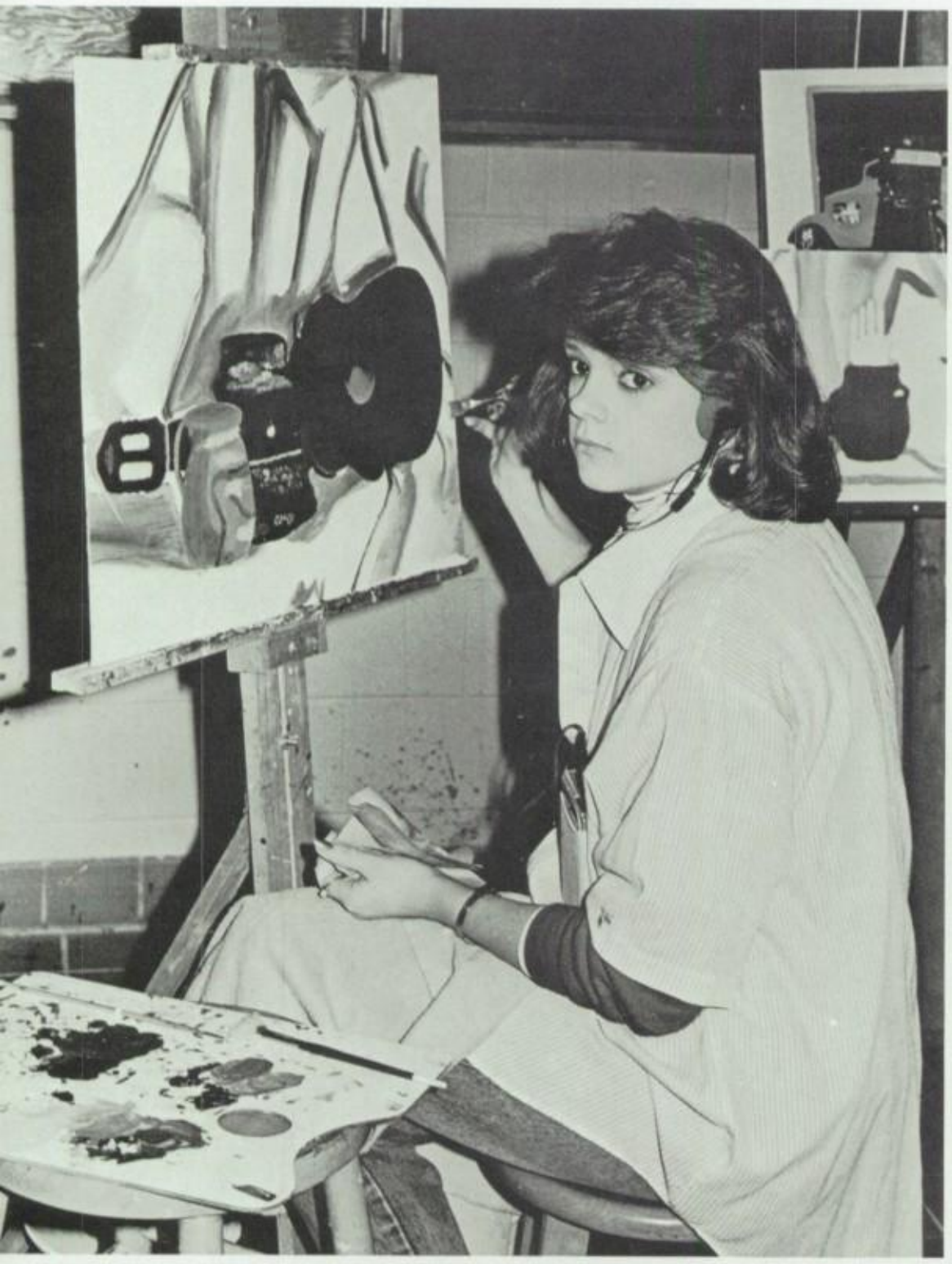




Intense concentration and dedication to art work is plainly shown as Tracy Ray perfects his landscape scene.

Watching the tip of the brush intently, Tabitha Cunningham carefully adds the final brushups to her painting.

The final outcome is very critical as Amy Hamner looks up to receive some last advice from Mrs. Verbiest.



Practice makes perfect as Briget Kenny fully realizes while she unravels her latest mistake on the weaving loom.

The Picture Gallery behind the art room is designed to show off students work with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

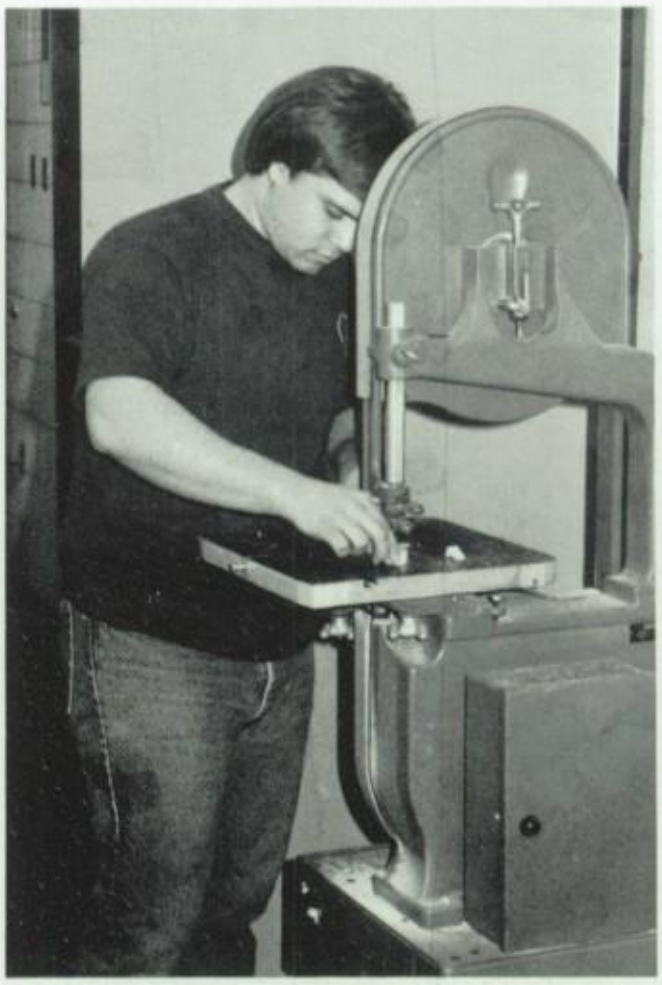
Tracey Field generously helps highlite the corners of Ann Thomas' painting. Teamwork is sometimes needed to get the job done right.

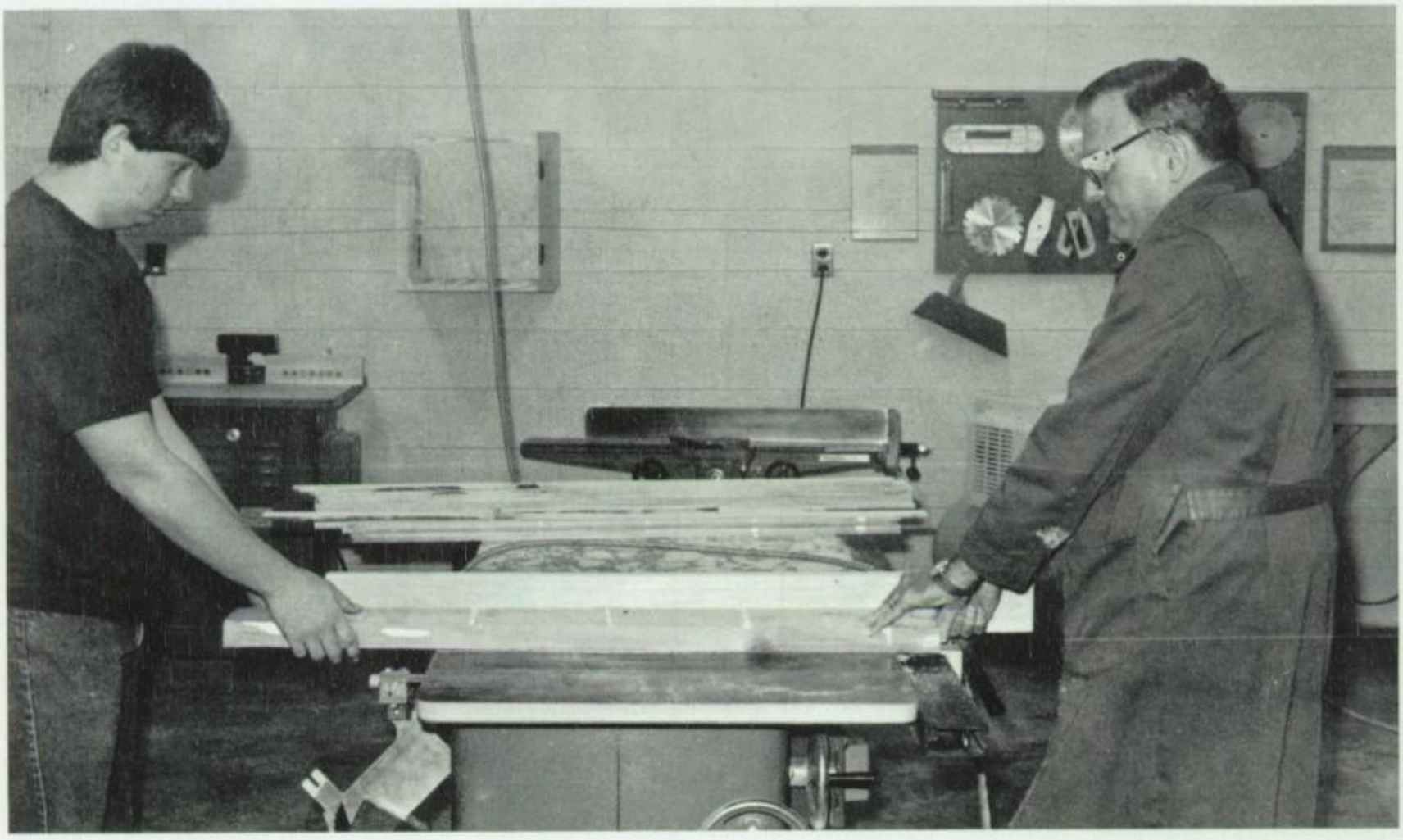
CREATIVE IDEAS

AT WORK . . .

The carpentry students of today are the carpenters of tomorrow. The carpentry skill is useful in everyday living. Shelves, jewelry boxes and furniture to name a few. A lot of the work in the carpentry class is bookwork. The class builds bird houses, dog houses, roofs and other assorted things. They work on projects around the school, such as plumbing projects and baseball backstops. Junior Brad Harris comments, "We built the roof on a building behind the industrial arts building." This class is great to learn trades. Carpentry can be taken for one or two periods.

Junior Brad Smith carefully fits a piece of wood onto the machine. Students must be very careful around any type of machinery.





Carpentry teacher Mr. Cowan slowly pushes the wood through the table saw as Junior Louis Berry receives the now two pieces.

HHS OR BUS(T)

First Row: Travis Propst, Lamonte Williamson, Benny Lytle, Fred Clark. 2nd Row: Amy Clontz, Alphodella Smith, Cam Whitlock, Chris Caugh, Jimmy Fuller, Alex Mackey, Marc Anthony, Maurice Holland, Daryl Sherrill. On bus: James White, Chris Crump, Bobby Yount, John Eller, Alan Minton, and Mark Clontz.

Bus drivers like Maurice Holland use the rear view mirror to make sure that students are seated and behaving. However, student misconduct can become a serious distraction to drivers.

The Hickory High bus program is being stressed more than ever this year. The drivers are receiving ample support from the school. A new program was set up to focus on bus drivers as individuals. The "Driver of the Week" program is posted on a bulletin board outside the office and a new driver is selected each week.

Driving a bus is thought to be pleasurable, instead of just another job. One bus driver commented, "It's a lot of fun, but there's a lot of responsibility for fifty kids on a bus." The teen-age bus drivers usually prefer driving elementary kids and some even have nicknames for the kids.

A total of one thousand eighty-two students in the Hickory City School system ride buses. That total comes from four hundred and one high school students, six hundred twenty five middles school students, and eight hundred sixty-six elementary students. Amy Clontz comments, "My brother used to drive a bus and I guess just seeing the bus on the front lawn all the time made me want to drive, too."

Very often, especially in the winter, buses break down. The breakdowns usually result from very used buses and dead batteries. The buses are serviced everyday. Any problems are reported by bus drivers in the morning so they can be checked.

Dr. Angel, new assistant principal, thinks of student drivers as having equal ability compared to adult drivers. Student drivers also have an equal amount of respect and availability for field trips.

Drivers are constantly changing. Some routes are better suited for certain students over others. Students sometimes have after school activities and they need shorter routes to get back to school for practices and meetings.

CREATIVE IDEAS

AT WORK . . .

Great minds at work, that's what the yearbook staff consists of. Constantly brainstorming to make this the best yearbook ever.

Much credit is given to the editors, Mary Henson and Lisa Bradford. The editors have much responsibility. They must know what is going on at all times in the yearbook room to stay in control. And when deadlines come around again, Mary and Lisa must check every page before it can be sent off to the printers.

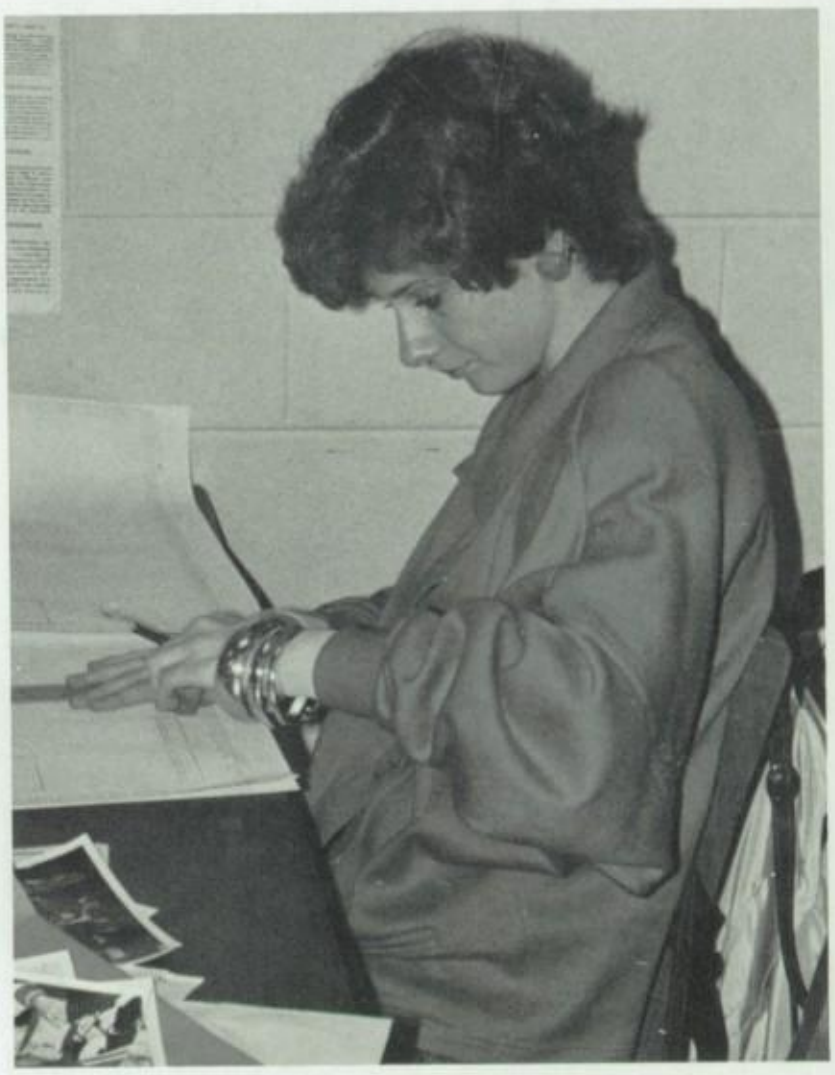
Section heads have a lot of responsibility also. Section heads for the '86 log are Erika Bailey on academics, Erica Sides on Organizations, Paul Teague on sports, Caroline Washer on Student Life, and Beth Thomson on the Student body.

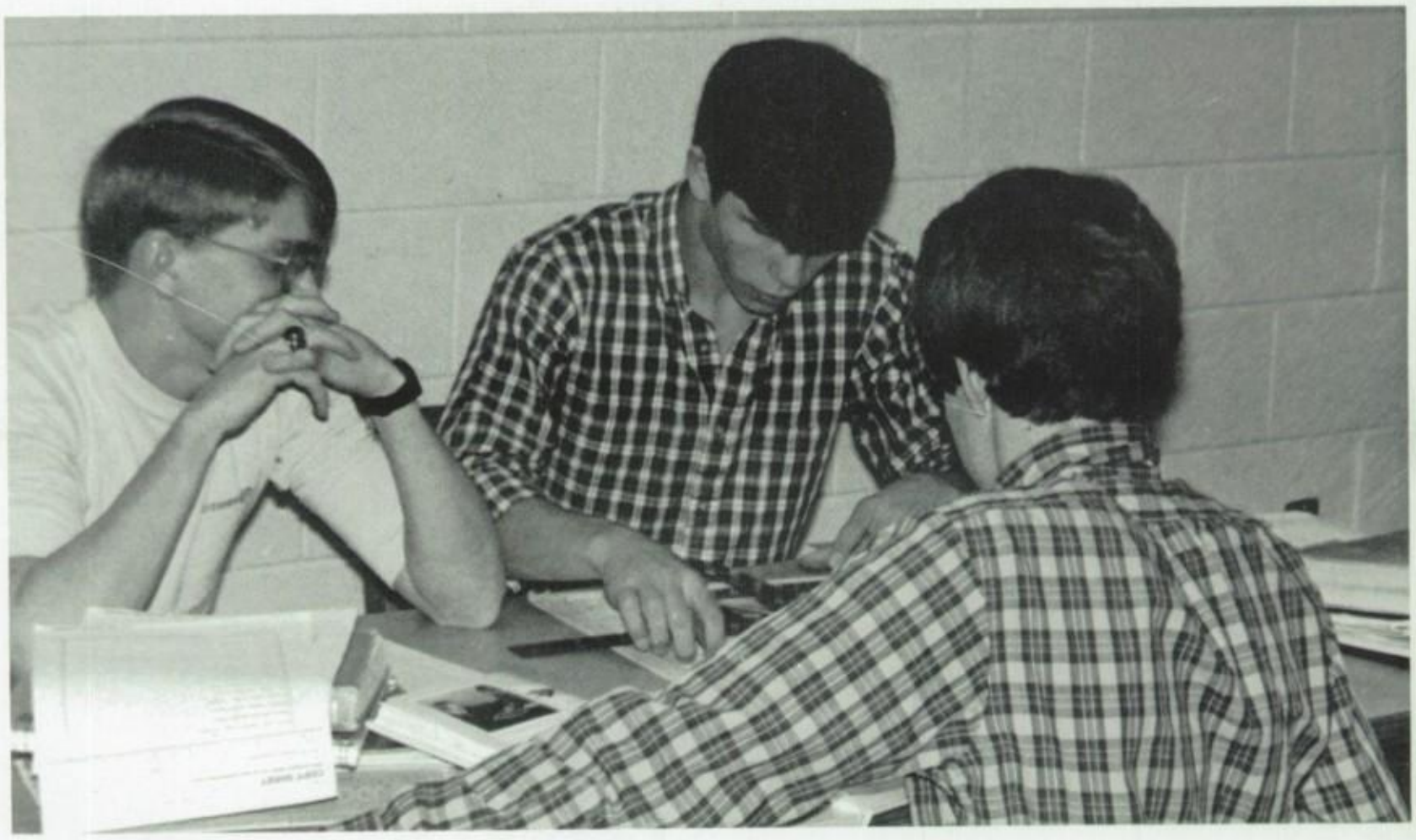
The photographers this year were Robin Gerrard, Brian Wistehuff, and Tracy Graham.

A few students from the yearbook attended a SIPA (Southern Interscholastic Publishing Association) convention at Myrtle Beach for a weekend. They learned about all the new techniques used this year in yearbooks. They also had the privilege of accepting an award for last years yearbook of **A Different Point of View.**

Mr. Lawrence Gibbs is the head of the yearbook. Mr. Gibbs lends guidance and support to the staff all during the year.

Section head Carolyn Washer meticulously recounts picas on her layout. Accuracy is extremely important in Yearbook.





At the Sports table, section head Paul Teague crops pictures for the next deadline as Mark Riče looks on. Freshman Cris Garlitz tries to make up a headline for the layout.

Advisor Mr. Gibbs points out key spots of interest on the divider page that editors Mary Henson and Lisa Bradford hold in front of the class.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is an organization which was started about twenty years ago by English teacher, Lottie Swink. It recognizes students who excel in academics, leadership, character, and service. Students must be screened by a faculty committee and have an "A" average on academic courses to be considered for membership. Only semester grades in English, foreign language, social studies, science, and math are used for selection purposes.

This club awarded a scholarship to a deserving senior raising the money through club sales and car washes. It also helped with the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, gave a tea for new members and their parents, took "sun-shine" boxes to sick and elderly at Christmas, and all senior members received honor cards to wear at the graduation ceremony.

First Row: Shannon Hefner, Vanessa James, Erica Sides, and Kim A. Huffman. Second Row: Kelly Corbett, Kent Kercher, Donna Smith, Nicole Dutton, and Deanna Carter. Third Row: Katherine Winfield, Kim Burns, Suzanne Spivey, Beth Kim, Min Kim, and Vivia Killian. Fourth Row: Stephanie Lane, Jeff Henson, David Barringer, Ginny Smith, Merrill Fowler, and Ashley Snow. Fifth Row: Heather Overcash, Julia Smith, John Trainer, Kris Setzer, Dawn Zentner, Angela Threewitt, and Katie McDowell. Sixth Row: Chris Roberts and David Shirley. Seventh Row: Bert Young and John Lomax. Eighth Row: Toby Texer, Stephen Shuford, Mike Lefevers, and Caroline Triplett.

CALCULATING MINDS

AT WORK . . .

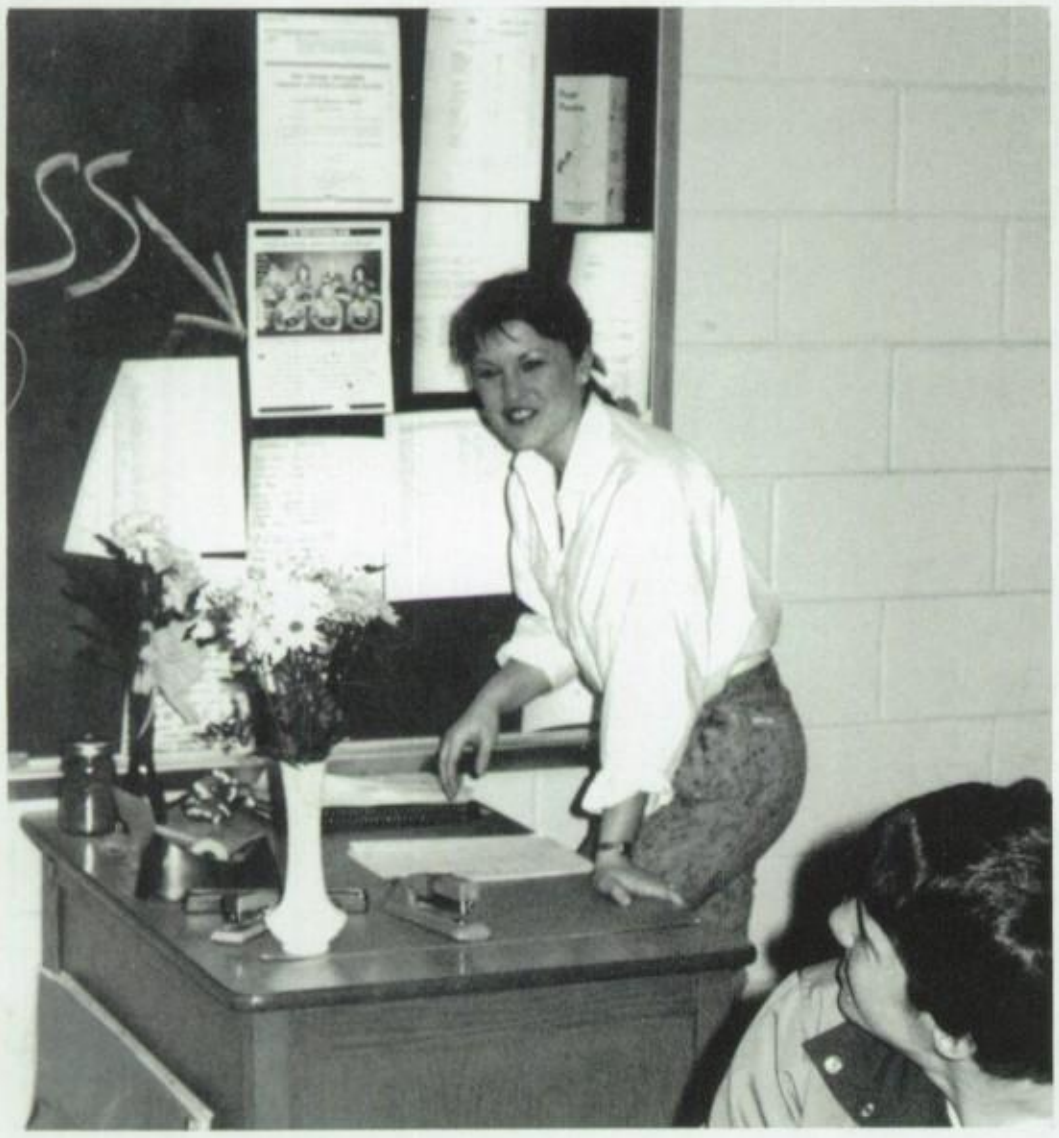
Math can be challenging, fun, or just plain boring. There are fifteen courses offered this year from basic math all the way to AG and advanced courses. Freshman Kristen Schulten comments, "My math class is a challenge. Most of the time it's fun, but when it gets hard you wish you were not in it."

Mathematics today are used in many different job fields. Some of these are engineering, computers, physics, accounting and just about everything.

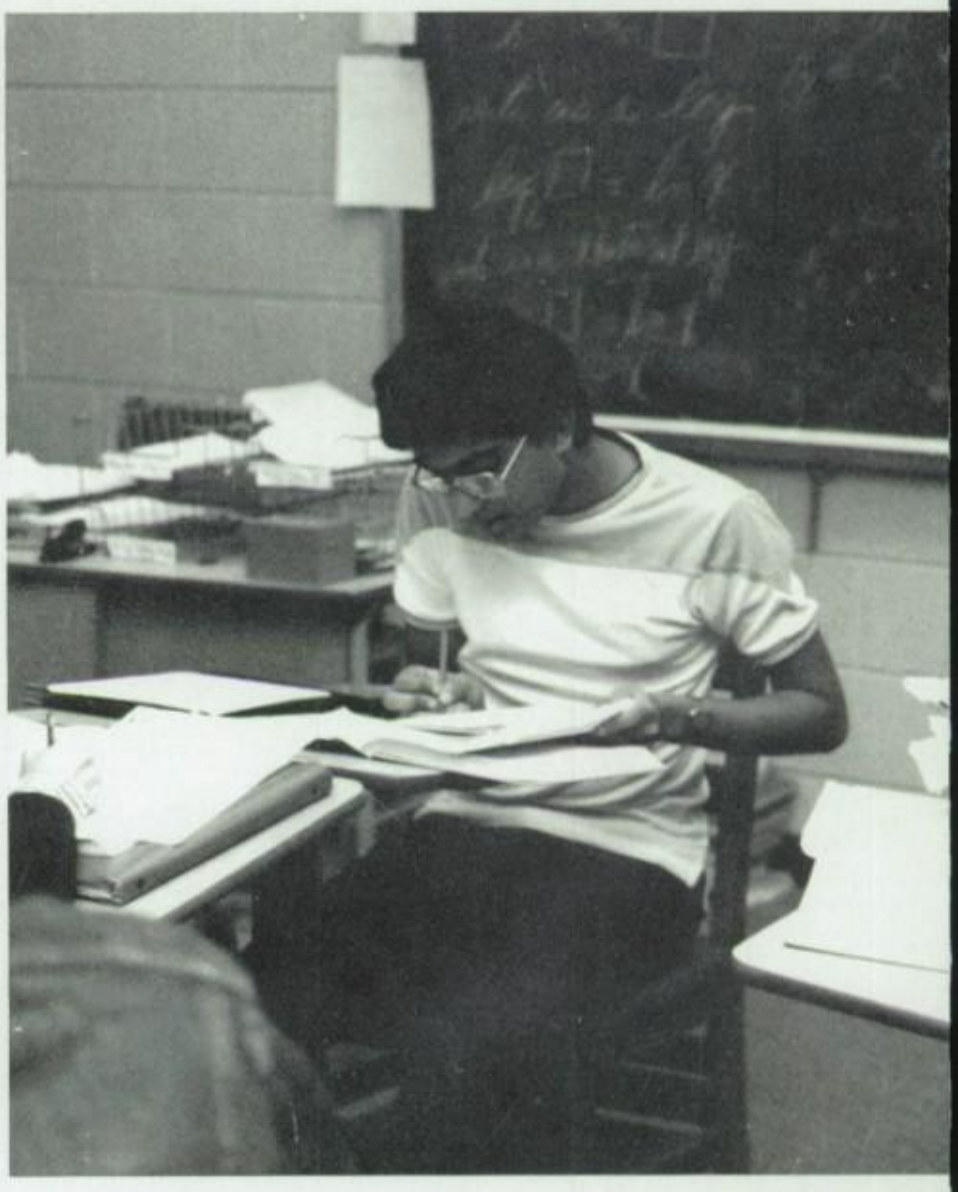
Mr. Brittain comments, "Math is the foundation that education is built on."

To graduate you must have at least two units of math. In order to go to college it is good to have as much math as possible.

To aid themselves in teaching, math teachers use many different visual aids such as the overhead, exemplified by Mrs. Steele.



Mrs. Frye's final day at Hickory High, she takes time to enjoy the gifts and attention from her Algebra II class. The class showered with flowers and presents to let her know she will be missed.



To work extra hard to excel. Very often students split into groups to help each other with their math.

Senior Nicole Dutton asks her teacher a question about her assignment in calculus. The class is preparing for a chapter test.

Milan Sampat diligently works on his advanced calculus with his classmates. The students that take these advanced courses are the dedicated few that are willing.

Preparing her sophomores for the State Compentency Test, Miss Smyre reads over her test guide. Just before she assigns her freshman and juniors their assignments for the next three days.

A SMALL WORLD

UNTO ITSELF . . .

For one weekend of the school only, Hickory High becomes a small word unto itself. As foreign languages are heard and customs exchanged, students sometimes forget that they are still in America. Senior Paul Teague comments, "It's interesting to see how the customs are put to use." This weekend is labeled World Wide Weekend, and with good reason. Foreign exchange students from all over the world are invited from other schools to come to Hickory High and share their different lives with us.

Mrs. Stafford, advisor for AFS, heads this hectic weekend. Hickory High receives students from other schools on a Thursday night where the exchangers meet the students that will be housing them for the weekend. All day Friday, the foreign exchange students are given a schedule of classes that they must go to. Once in class, the students ask questions about their home life, their educational system, and what they do on weekends for entertainment. On Friday night, most of the students went to the mall and then to *Annabelle's* for dinner. On Saturday they played soccer in the afternoon and Saturday they attended a banquet. After the banquet, all the students learned how to square dance. Mrs. Stafford said, "We wanted to show them something that was very native to our country." Everyone laughed at one another while trying to keep up with the professional dancers.

On Sunday morning, All the students attended mass together and then it was time to go. Many students were seen crying and hugging one another. As David Dillon put it, "Everyone had a great time and we all made wonderful friends. I'm sorry to see it end."

A professional square dancing troupe teaches all the students how to dance. Square dancing is only danced in the U.S., so the students are doing a traditional dance.

While enjoying a delicious dinner at Annabells', the students take time to share views and experiences with other students from around the world. Students find that they are truly not so different from each other as they thought.

Cheryl Strickland, the Junior class Pres., looks with delight at the desserts offered at the banquet sponsored by A.F.S.

A Swedish exchange students takes a short break on the sidelines from the soccer game. She listens as different rules are explained by students from other countries.

THE BEST CLASS

THE WORST CLASS . . .

This article is dedicated to Miss Laurie Newman for her patience in waiting so long for an interview.

P.E. is a course which many students love, think it is OK, or hate. Many students think it is needed to graduate, and it is, but many feel this is a fun course. Hickory High has great PE teachers including, Miss Newman, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Elder, and Mr. Boliek. They all make PE seem a worthwhile and enjoyable course to take.

There is a new course called PE II. A student may take this course and receive the full credit. It is designed for both males and females. The class stresses total weightlifting and endurance exercises. Students must meet Mr. Morgan before being accepted into the course.

Miss Newman said, "I think everyone should be required to take PE all throughout their high school years. Two times a week for the whole year is more beneficial to the student than only two of the four years they are in school."

Physical education teaches responsibility, teamwork, sportsmanship, and gives some students a feeling of accomplishment. Physical Education will also give a student some time to work out all the pressures and anxieties that they may experience from school.

As Mr. Elder states, "The concept of education is to train the mind and the body so therefore it is equally important to have physical education as it is to have mental education."

Students stretch before P.E. class to aid in preventing cramped muscles and pulled tendons. When they are through running sprints and jogging laps, they must stretch again to cool down for the same reason. These

Practicing for the final run of their aerobics routine, senior Denise Boyles and sophomore Monica Hayes concentrate on staying with the best of the music to perfect their routine's ending. The students are graded on composition, coordination, and musical beat. The routine must be five minutes long.

Stretching out before running two miles every day is a necessary thing no matter what the pain. Devin Hensley painfully pulls out tight muscles before attempting the eight lap run. The regular stretching prevents injuries in the long run.

students could not run for long unless they stretched first, to help prevent soreness.

Tough work and dedication pull sophomore Matt Hinckle through his afternoon workout while being assisted by sophomore Andy Crews. This class, P.E. 2, is offered for boys and girls who are serious about getting into shape by lifting weights or pumping iron.

DRAMA

First Row: Dennie Belk, Stacy Owen, Cheri Culbert, Mrs. Gragg, Jennifer Gaither, and Karen Hoke. Second Row: Michael Koetter, Tammera Suddereth, Stacia Hamm, Ann Thomas, Molly Bass, Kristen Schulten, Kristi Owen, and Margie McKaugn. Third Row: Devin Hensley, Kim Stinson, Nancy Hare, Beth Smart, Kim S. Huffman, and Heather Deal. Fourth Row: Katheryn Starnes, Alisa Gwaltney, Heidi Kunstman, Angie Milam, Michelle Jones, and Michelle Johnson. Fifth Row: Tom Owens, Katie Davis, Heather Yarnell, Tracey Field, Alex Walle, and Gabe Walle.

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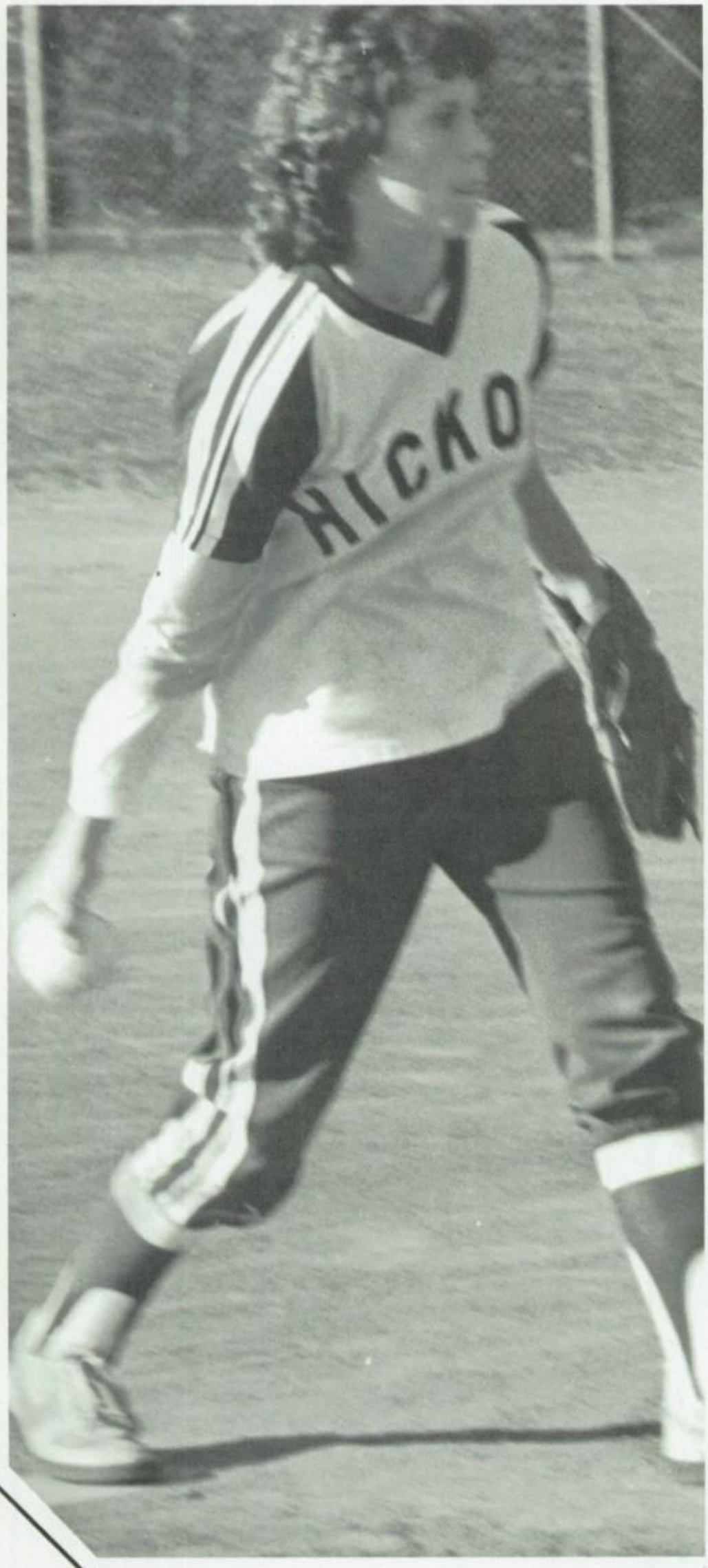

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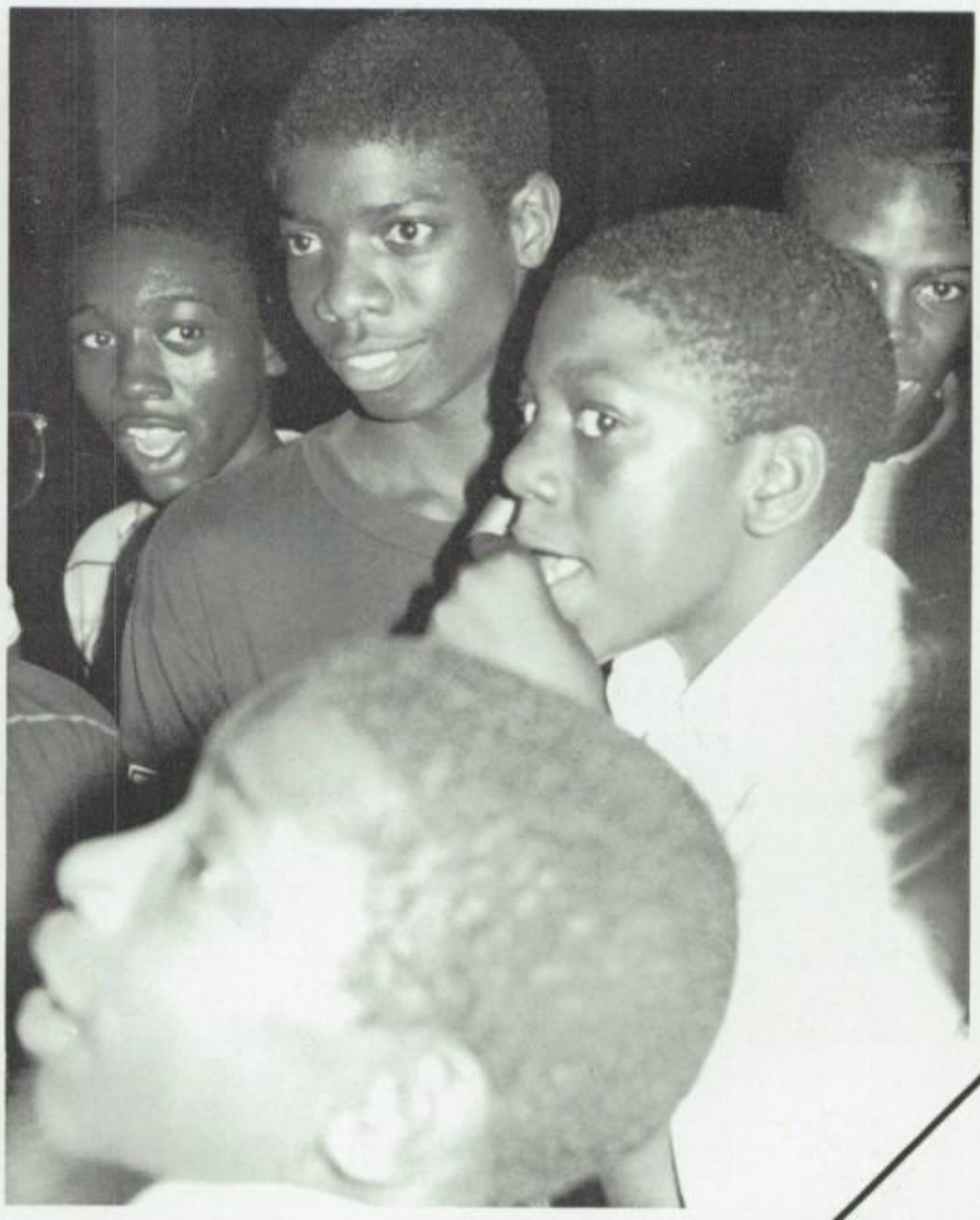

The Class of '86

More than a party it was an ADVENTURE!

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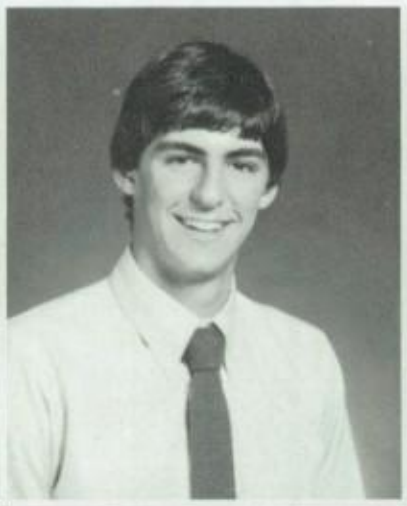

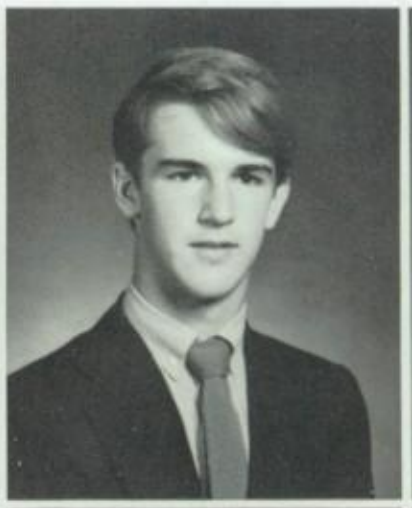

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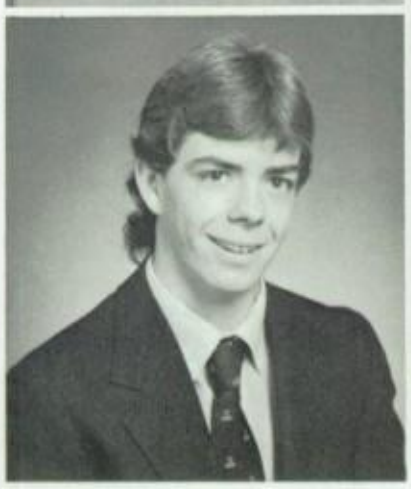

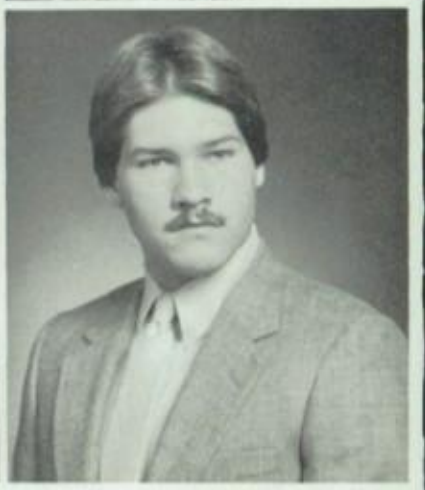

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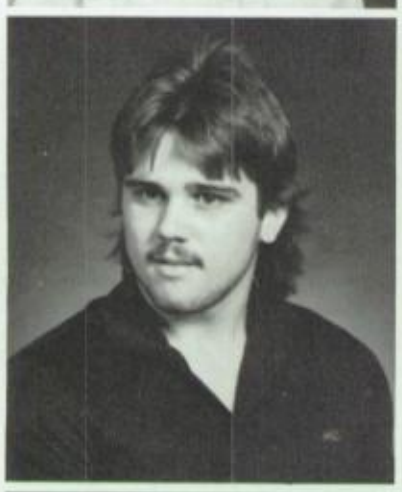
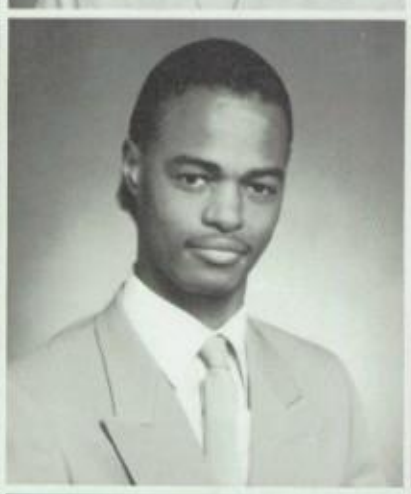

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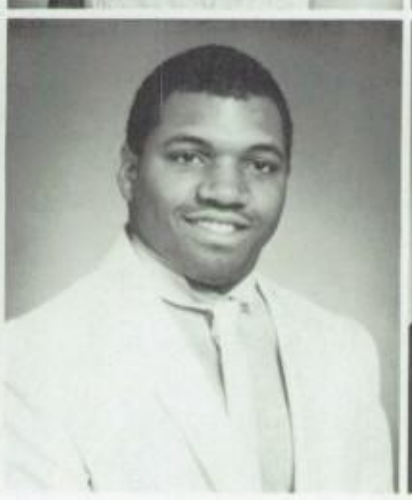

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John Camp

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Shane Clark

Ann Clegg

Tammy Clemmons

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Jennifer Cline

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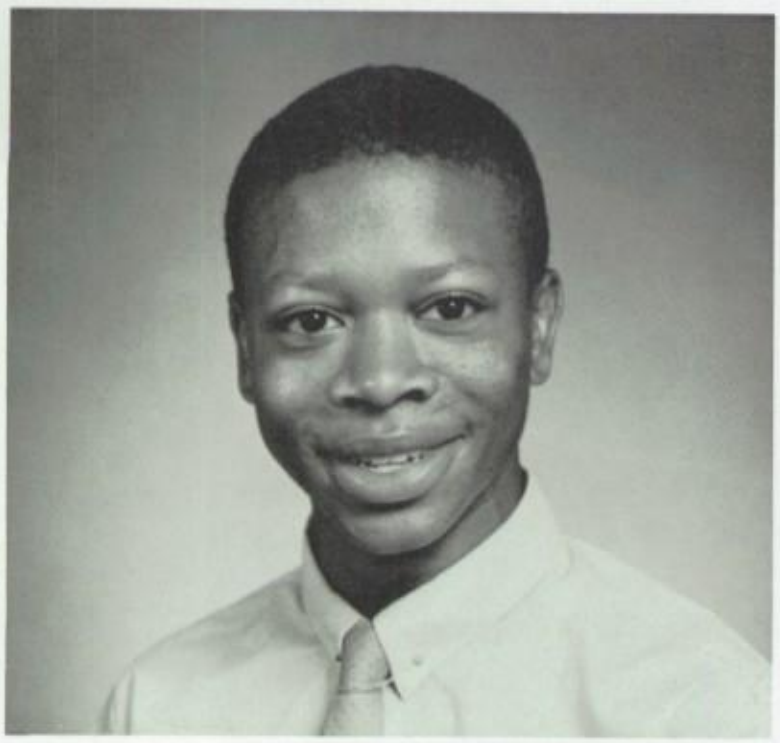

Reggie Lee Hoover

In the years following graduation, the Class of '86 will look back over these high school years and remember the good and bad happenings. Unfortunately, one of the most tragic of events occurred this past fall, the loss of Reggie Hoover. One of his friends, Mark Harsaw, expresses his own feelings about Reggie.

He was a determined young man full of ambitions to make it big. He was the type of person who could make your day for you by just giving some good advice or just by making you smile. He was a very intelligent student and a friend to all who knew him. After high school he was going to enlist in the Navy and to attend Naval Academy where he was going to Major on Engineering. If you did not know him, just ask a couple of his friends who he was, and they will say that he was a guy who was liked by everyone around him.

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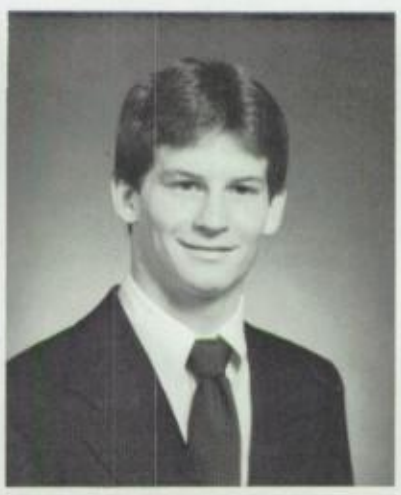
Charlotte Cox



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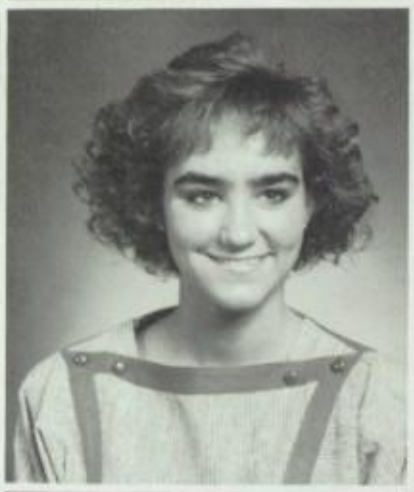
Michael Cramer

Tabitha Crooks



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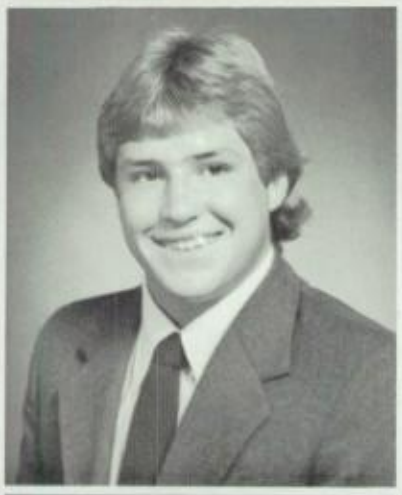

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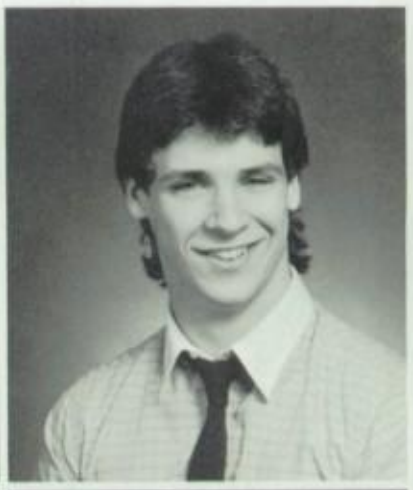

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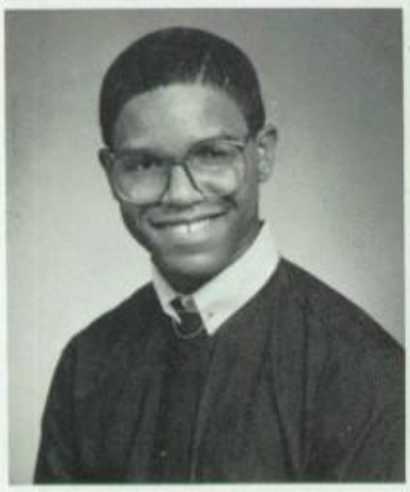


Billy Edge

John Eller

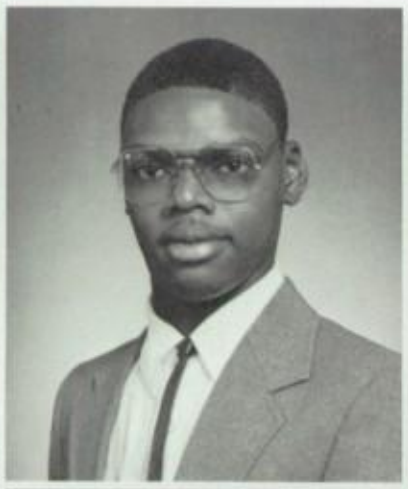
A Tough Act To Follow

The '85 varsity football team is at its best since the days of Al Young. For seniors, this is their last chance to be part of a championship high school football team. When asked if this affected his performance, senior Mike Craft stated, "Yes. Winning means a lot to me. Right now, the one thing I really want to accomplish as a senior is to make it to the state championship."

When Dent Guarino, a senior, was asked to sum up the situation, he said, "It doesn't matter how we feel during the game, or practice. We shouldn't even think about "what if?" Right now we have to win to get to the playoffs!"

A winning season — Players such as Mark Rhyne added that exhuberant Senior spirit of '86 which will be difficult to match.

Jana Ellis



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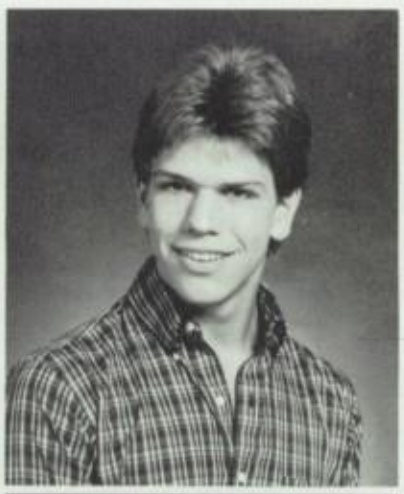

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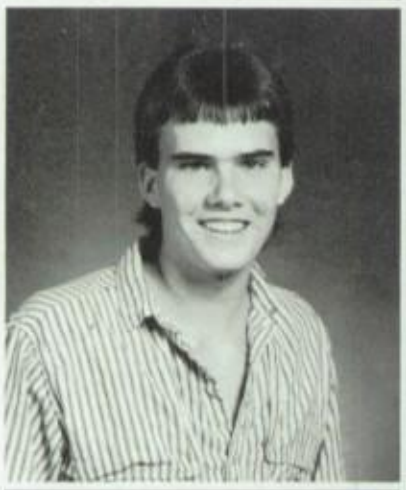

Jason Finch

Kasey Fogleman

Hope Free

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LeAnn Gaither

Alice Gentry

Heather Glasscock

Missy Graves

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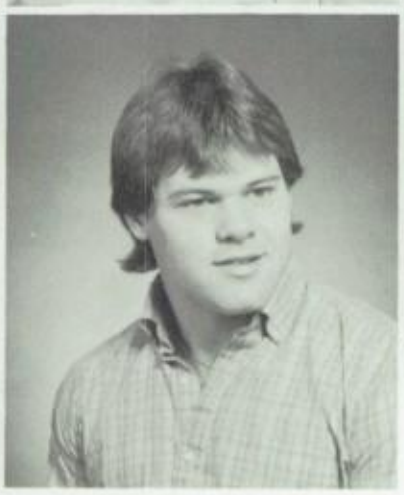
Denee Gravitte

Brian Griffith

Michael Grier



Dent Guarino

Beth Hager

Jane Hamm

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Mark Harshaw

Eric Hasque

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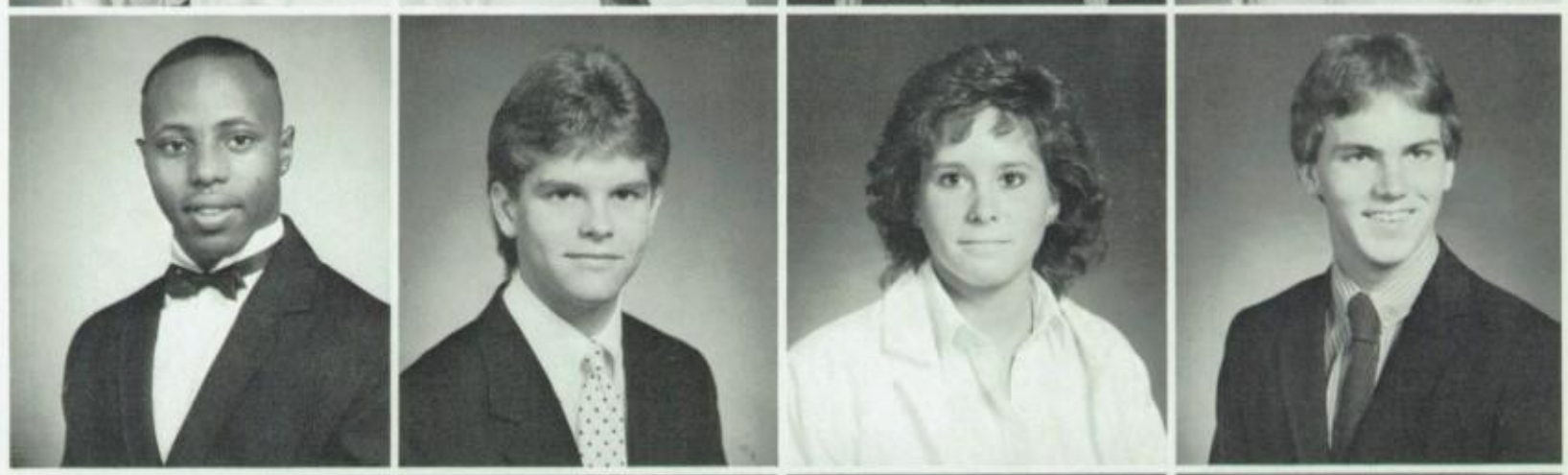
Mark Henry

Mary Henson

Jeff Henson



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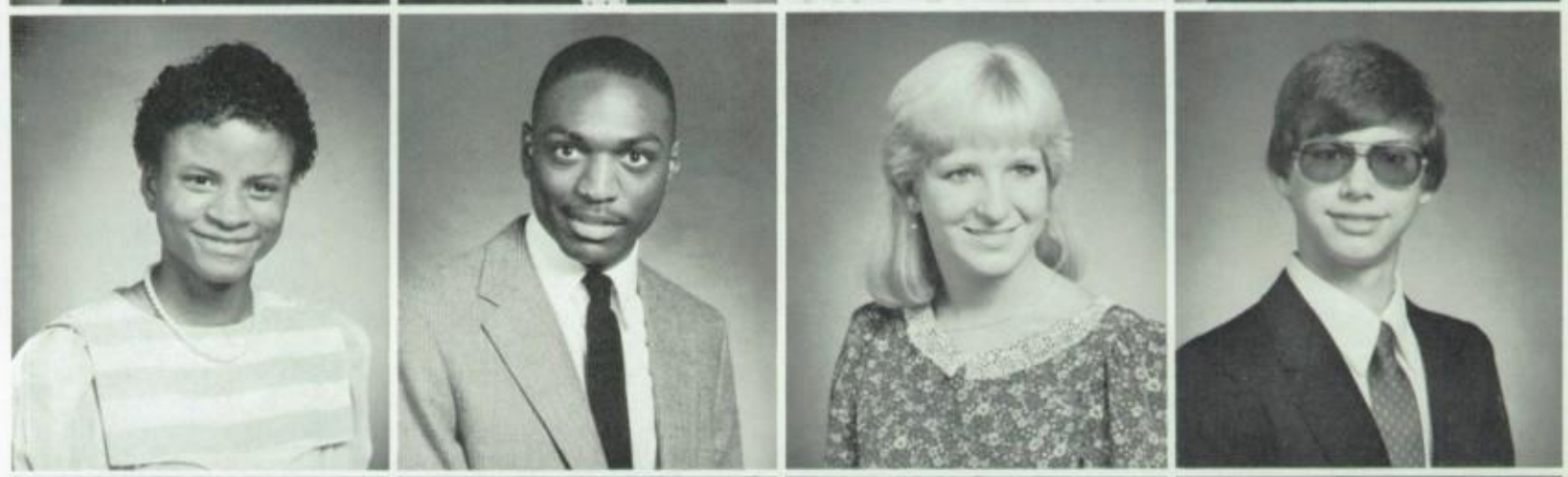

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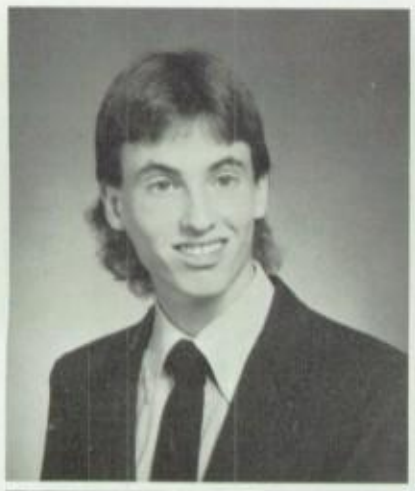

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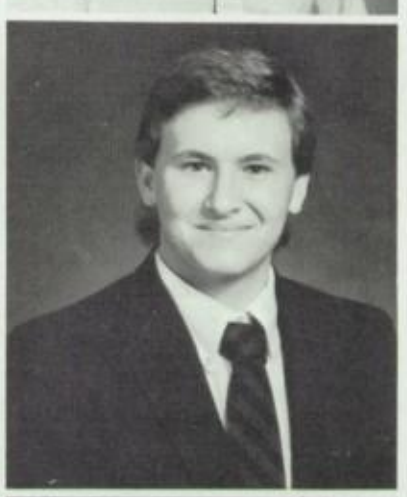

Amy Huffstetler

Michael Huggins

Karen Hunt

John Hyatt

Faye Ikard

Tera Isenhour

Vanessa James

Delane Jenkins

Moving In Style

Daydreaming about what's going to happen Friday night, Senior Billy Edge relaxes in his black 200SX and waits for his friends to join him after school.

RX7's, Volkswagons Rabbits, Fiats, and a few Mercedes can be seen as one gazes across the senior parking lot. These cars, whether a gift from a generous parent or paid for with the earnings after school and weekend jobs, are a senior's pride and joy. Senior Billy Edge believes in his car. "It's the only way to travel!"

Aside from being a showpiece, a senior's car is his key to freedom. Their cars get them to and from work, school and various parties. Even an occasional "road trip" to Charlotte for a concert, shopping, or just partying, isn't uncommon. Whether social or business, a senior's car is an invaluable piece of machinery and a well loved friend.

Tears, Cheers and Fears

Along with the celebration over graduation there is also hesitation about growing up and leaving home. Some of our Seniors — The Class of '87' — share their views on the subject. 1. How do you go about leaving home for college? Paul Teague said, "I feel a sense of wonderful achievement, yet a longing to stay eternally young and not have to go out and work. 2. What was the biggest event of your Senior year? Mary Henson, states, "The biggest event of my Senior year was the closeness developed between my best friend Montye and I, which is something that no one else, or time can ever erase from my memory. 3. What is your biggest fear about college? Ricky Taylor, says, "I guess it would be gettting used to the campus and the people. Another big worry is that there won't be enough good looking girls.

Seniors Chris Friend, Alexis Santi, and Kim Milstead along with Jrs. Stephen Lovekin and Natelie Sanders celebrate their last prom together in style.

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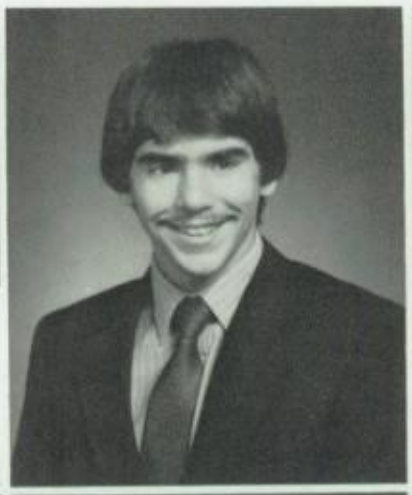
David Jennings



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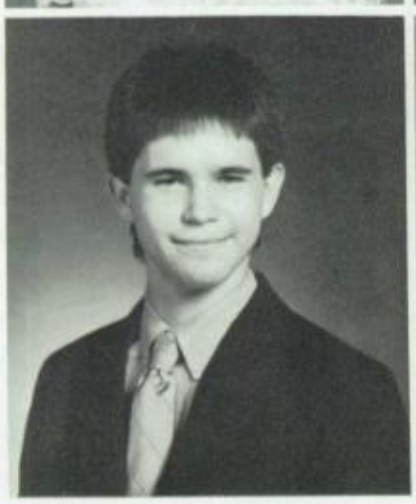

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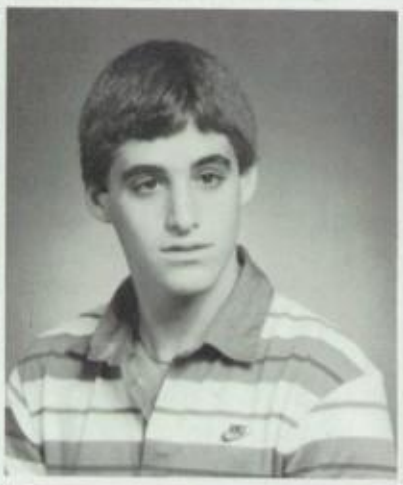

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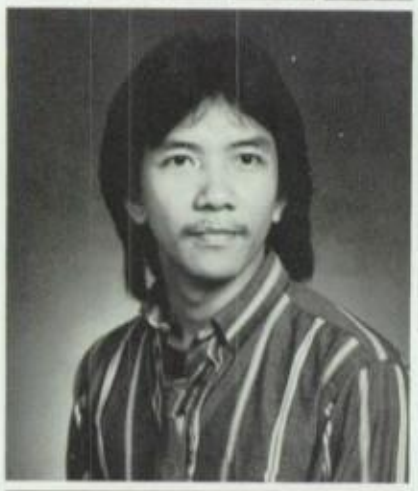
Marshall Loupus

Vicky Lowdermilk



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Susan Macijewski

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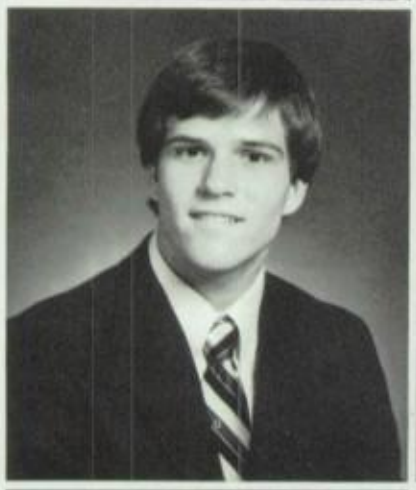

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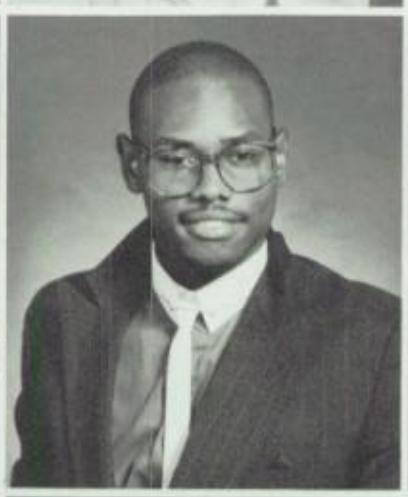

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Vickie McMahan

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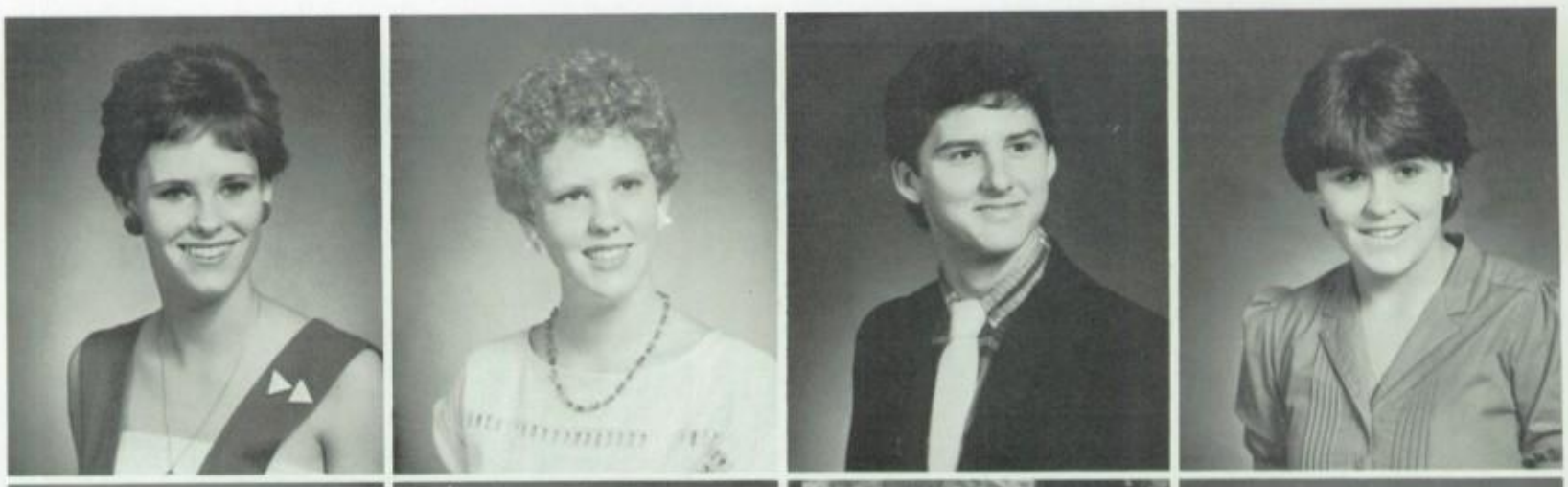
Becky Mearns



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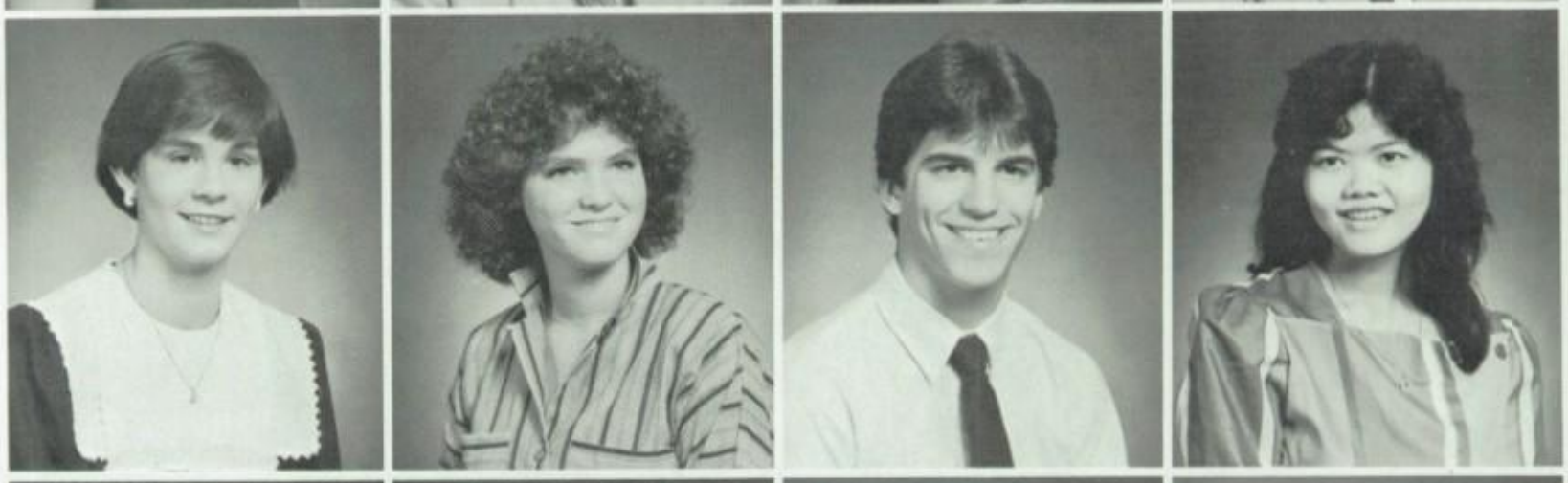


Brian Ollis

Tom Owens

Brian Penley

Robin Perry

Tam V. Pham

Lynn Powell

Melissa Powell

Tomi Powell

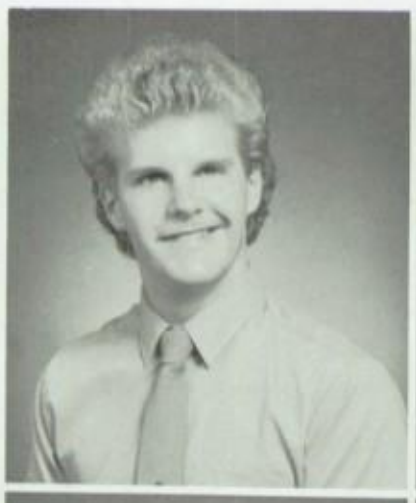
Moving on up . . . TOGETHER!

Taking that big step, leaving home for fun, freedom, and adventure, exactly what the class of '86' has been waiting for. Some of them, however, aren't exactly getting away from it all. These students are taking a part of their old world with them — other seniors.

Such a group is, Mary Henson, Robbie Lackey, Chris Friend, and Riche Sawyer. Although they all didn't plan it, they will all be attending Elon together next fall.

Because college is bigger than high school, people who attend larger colleges and universities such as Chapel Hill and Duke aren't as likely to run into each other. You can be sure, however, that people attending smaller colleges will get to see each other fairly often.

A Motley Crew? Well, not quite! These four fun loving seniors, Mary Henson, Robbie Lackey, Chris Friend, and Robbie Sawyer, will be together again at Elon College next fall.



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Ginger Price

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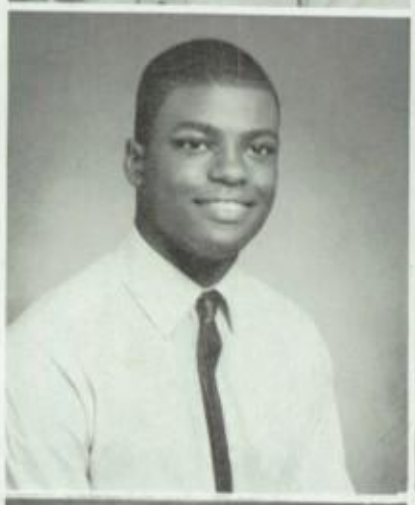

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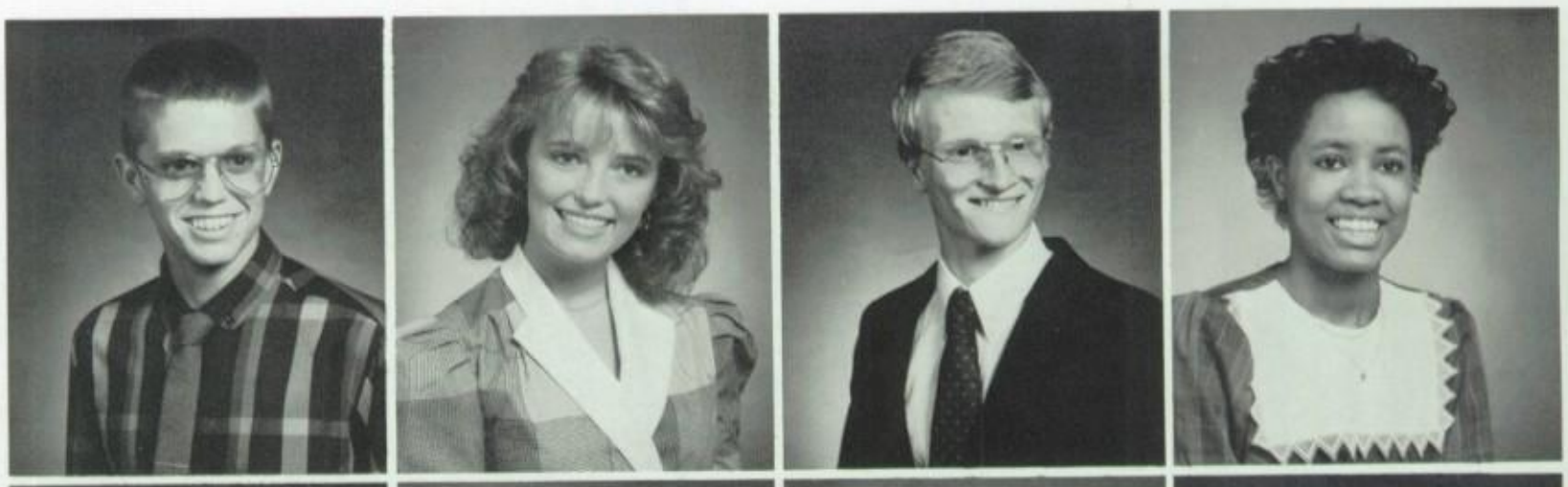

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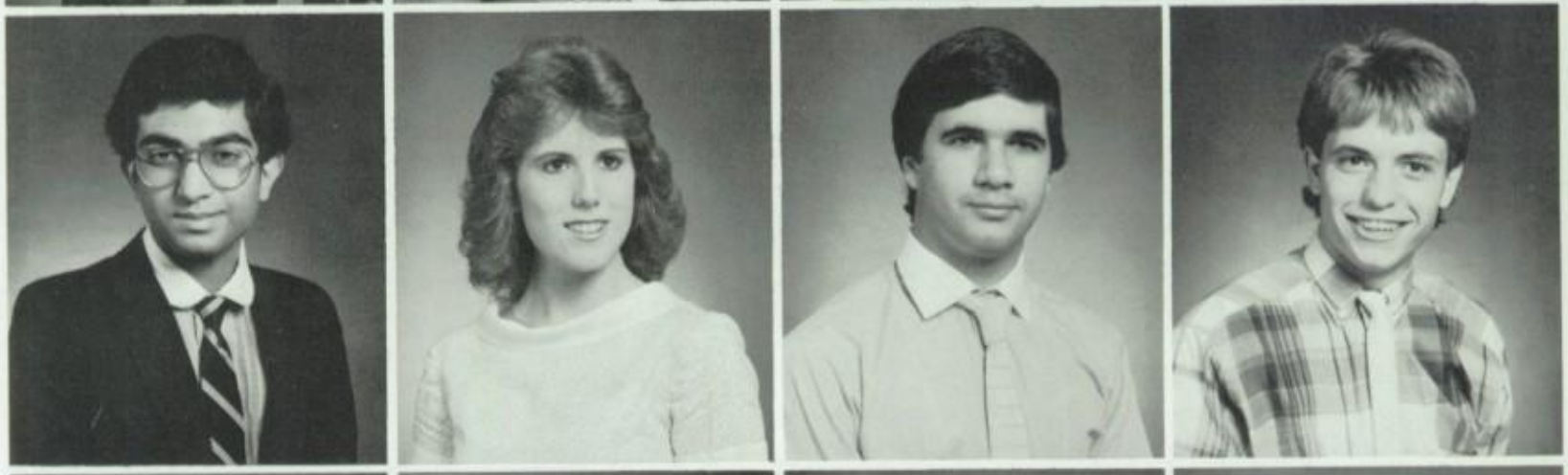
Alexis Santi

Richie Sawyer



Tammy Schronce

Lynda Scott

Lisa Sebastian

Angela R. Setzer

It comes with Age

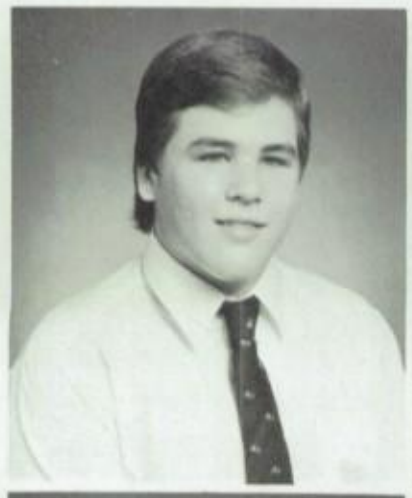
Taking advantage of her senior privileges, Katheryn Winfield takes off at 2:20.

SENIORS ... You got what you deserve, that off-campus pass. Study halls during first and sixth period can give seniors the honor of arriving late or leaving early. Those lucky ones with permits are grateful for the privilege.

When asked what he felt about being able to leave at 2:20, senior Bret Fidler answered, "It is the best idea this school has ever had."

This extra time in the mornings and afternoons gives students a chance to catch those needed-to's, finish that not-quite-done homework, or watch that show that has to be seen. One student asked said he sleeps after he gets home.

The opportunity to leave school for lunch at Homer's, MacDonalds, or Hardee's was also high on the senior priority list. Even though the class of '86 will never achieve this goal, maybe the class of '87 has something to look forward to.



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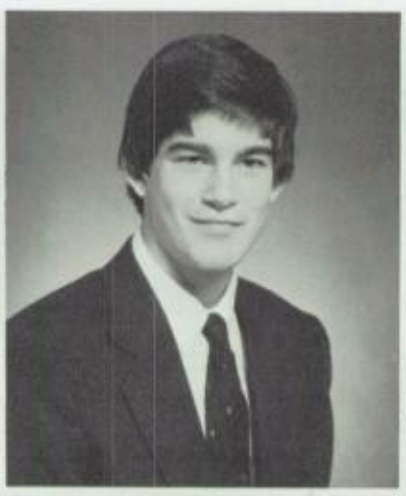

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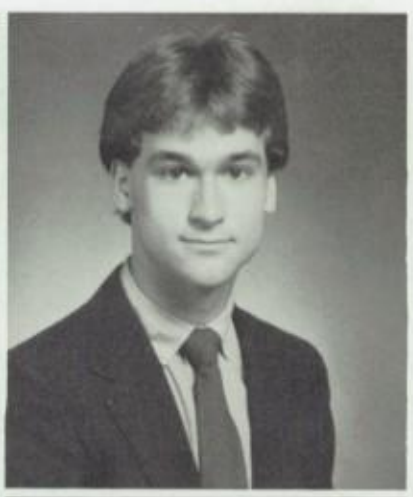

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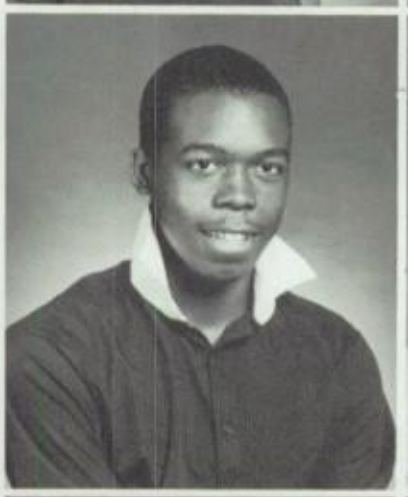

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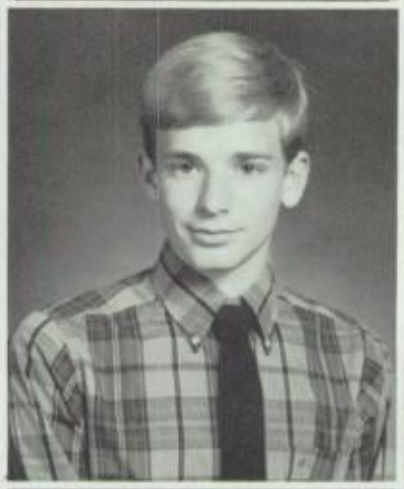

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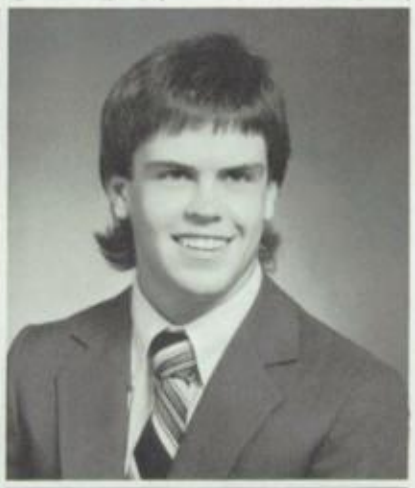

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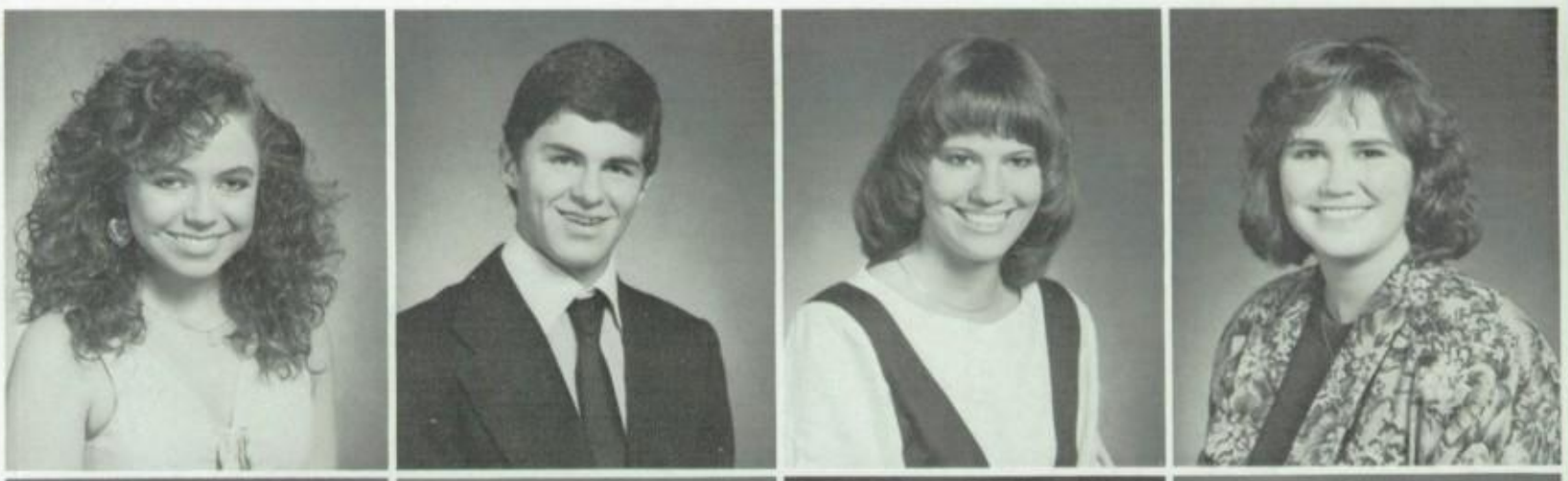

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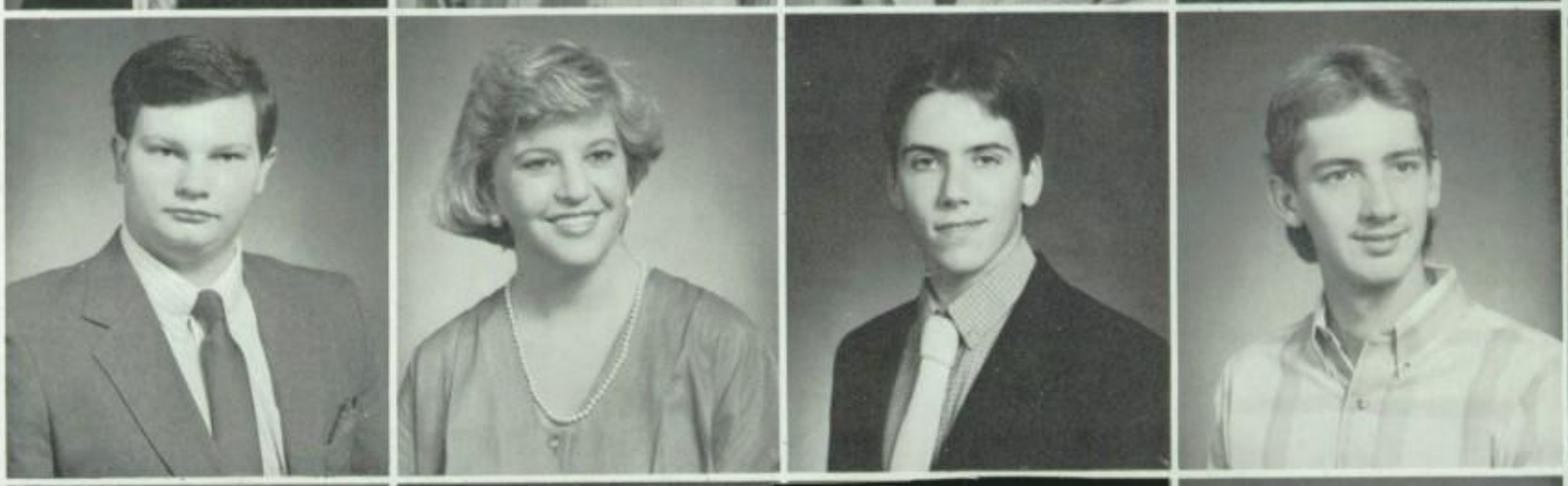

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Randall S. Weaver

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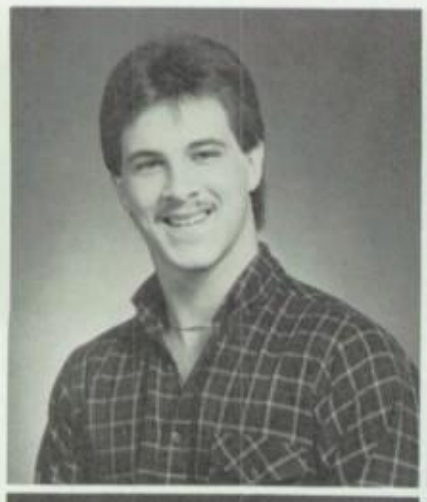

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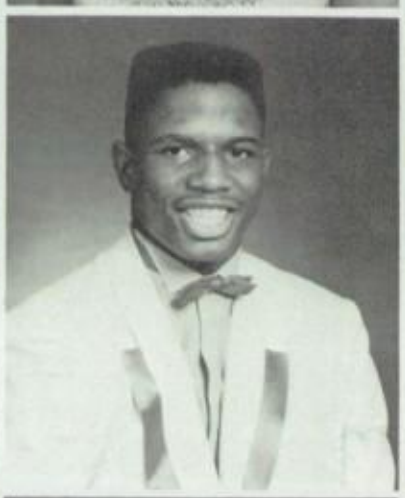

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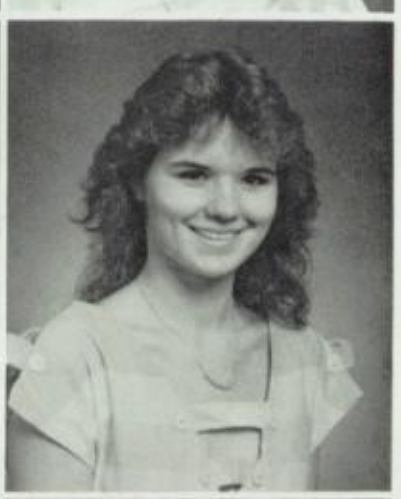
Stephanie Williams



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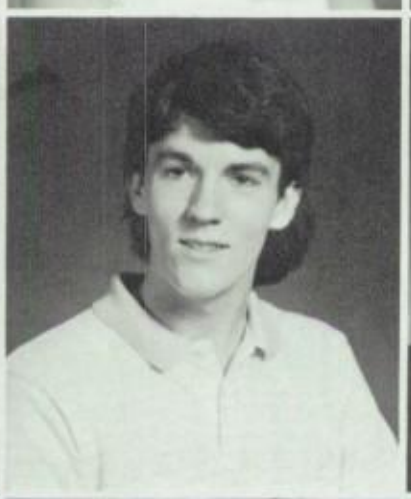

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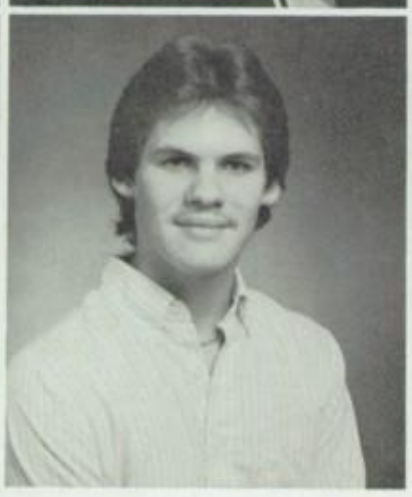
Kevin Yee



Bobby Dole Yount

Jill Yount

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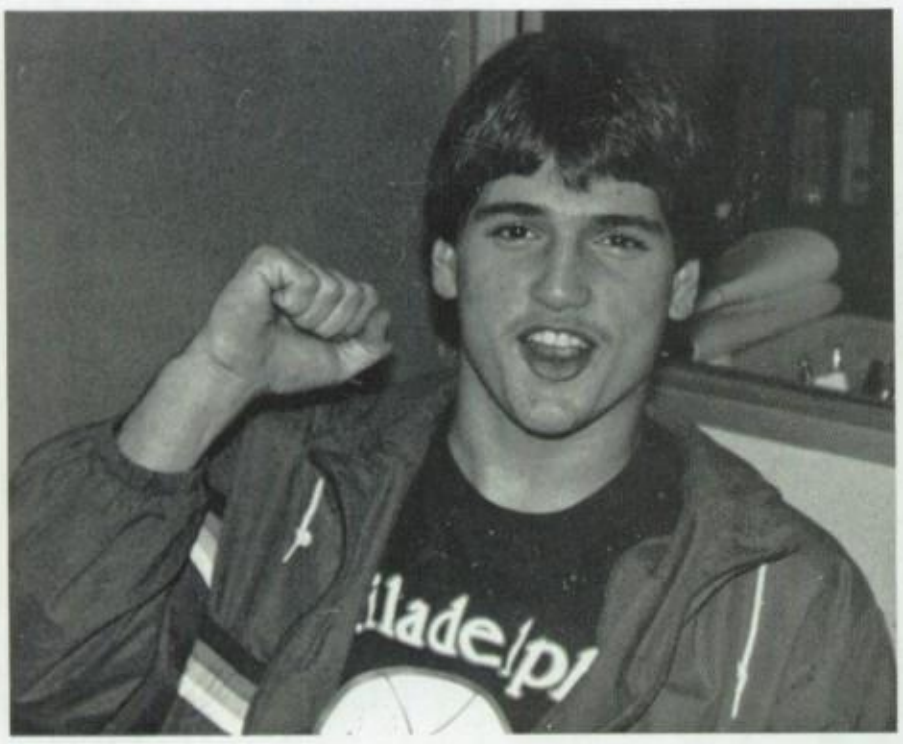
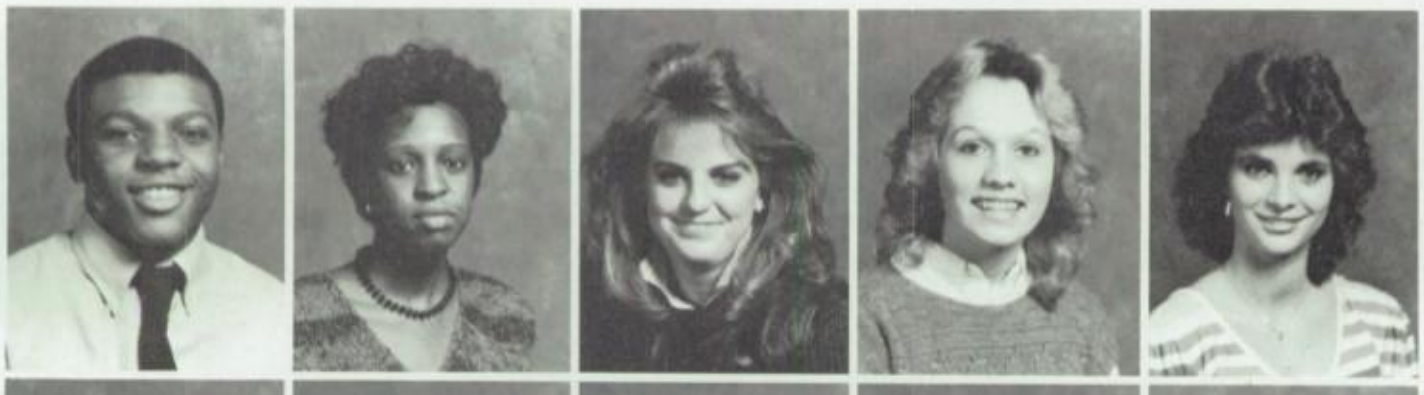
Class of 1987



Let the spirit of '87 shine through! That's precisely what Junior Brad Crump, one of the more vocal members of the class, does every time he gets the chance.!

Having a good time — what high school is all about, and what the class of '87 achieves with no trouble. Junior Julie Cody shown here helps cheer her class on.



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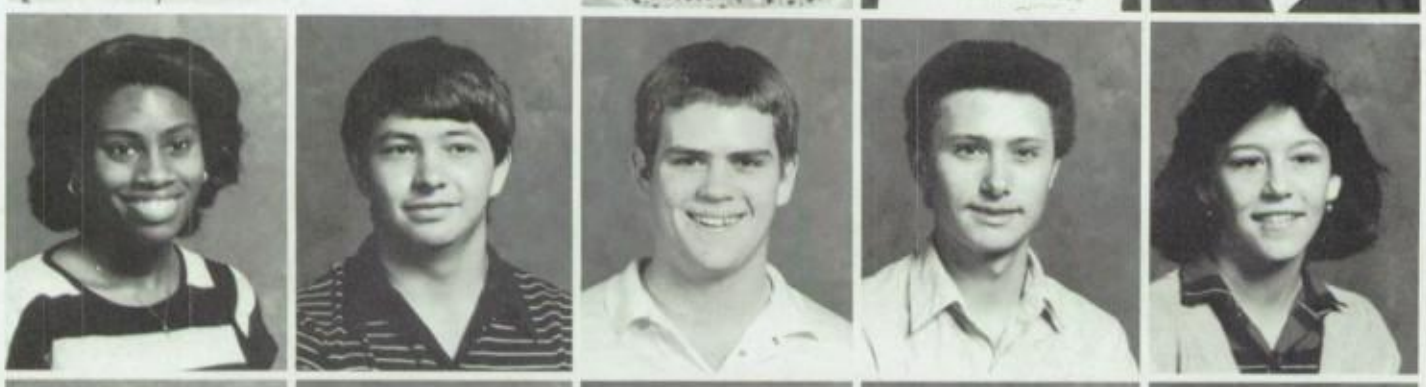

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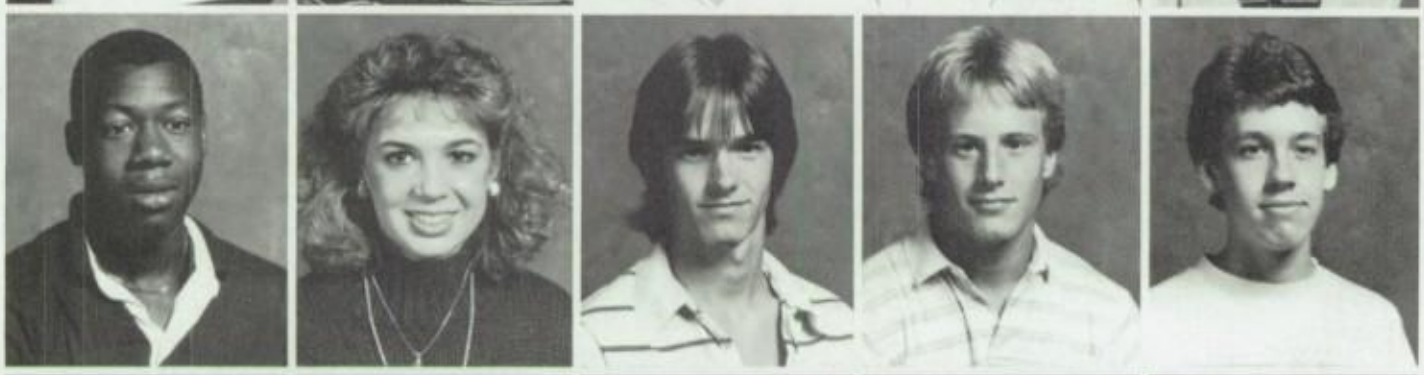

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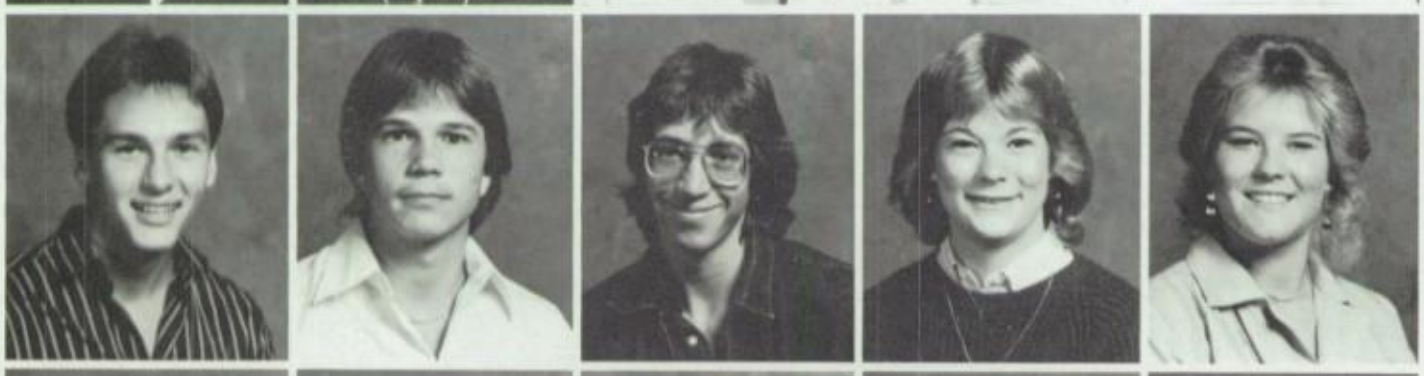
Mitzi Bondurant
Douglas Booker
Nathan Bowman
Bradley Boyd



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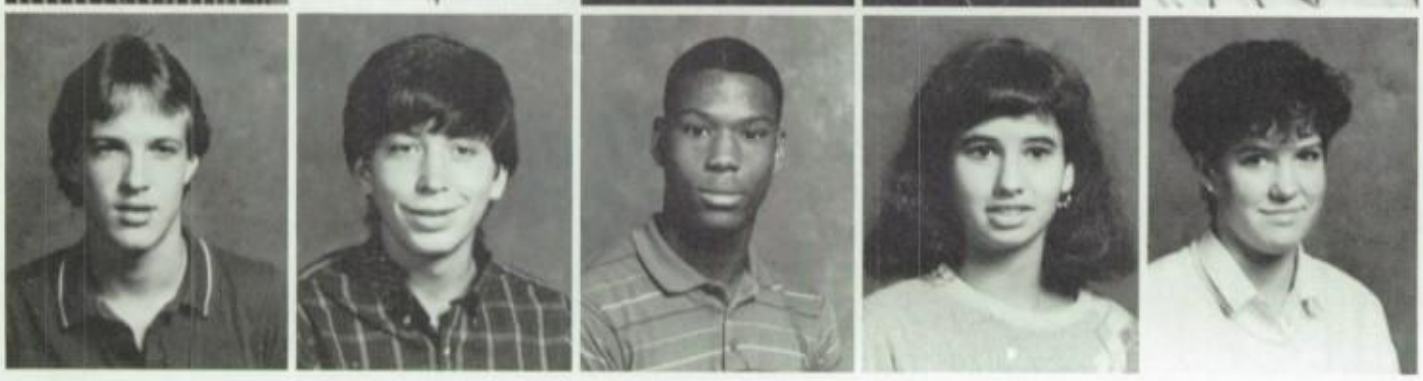

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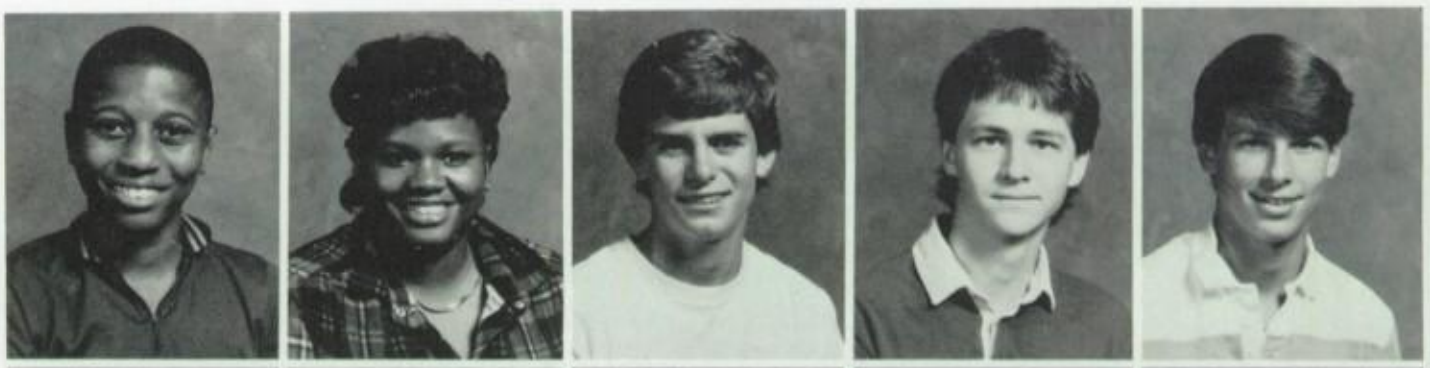

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Hayce Cartrette

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Larry Clark
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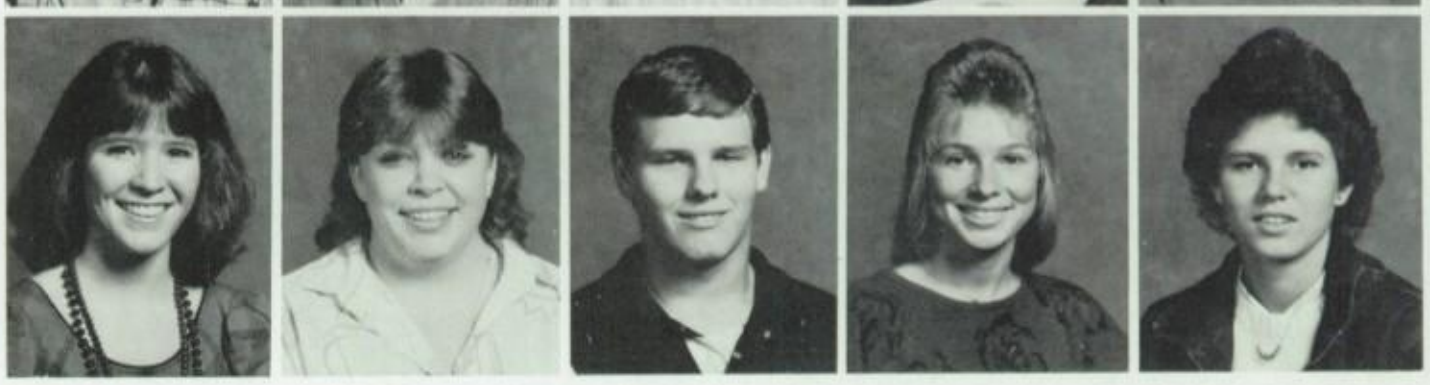
Jackie Cole



New Breed of Escape Artists

Orthodontist appointment: needed at home, have to pick up Dad in Charlotte, you've heard them all before, good and bad. Maybe you've even made up a few; they're the classic excuses. From time to time everyone feels the need to get away from school and a few carry out with the feeling. Taking off for the lake in the spring, the ski slopes in the winter, or just taking a break from the school lunches to go to Homer's. These are just a few places chosen to play hooky. Unfortunately, some get caught and the price is a few days in ISS or a three day vacation at home.

Although the price may be high, many are willing to risk it, maybe to avoid that chapter test that didn't get too much attention the night before, or just to get away from the daily grind and monotony of the tedious school day. An opinion expressed by juniors is "We skip school just for the @*!!? of it!" Whatever the reason for laying out, a great majority of high school students do it. Good luck guys!

Coming or Going? Whichever: that white, yellow, or blue paper, given here by Mrs. Washburn, is Missy Hines only ticket back to class.

Sabrina Colvin
Wesley Compton
Luther Connelly
Donsonja Connor
Marty Cook

Timothy Cook
Kellie Corbett
Terry Cornell
Brad Crump
Jason Cummings

Terrence Cuppett
Blake Davis
D'Etta Davis
James Davis
Jacqueline Dawson

Stephen Derr
Lisa Dillingham
Pamela Dillingham
David Dillon
David Duncan

Donna Eckard
Shane Elder
Detrol Ellison
Kimberly Ennis
Jennifer Estes

Teresa Evans
Chris Everly
Patrick Featherstone
Sarah Ferrell
Tracey Field

Flore Fouquet
Keith Fowler
Merrill Fowler
Meggan Fox
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Martha Gay
Robin Gerrard
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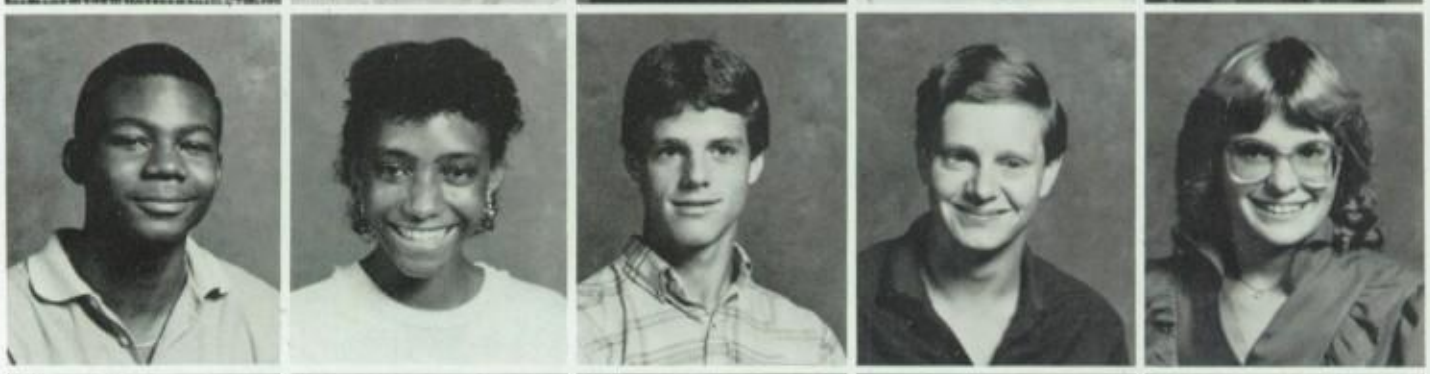
William Good

Jeffrey Gore
Pamela Grier
Michael Griffin
Philip Guins
Janet Gunter



Lisa Hair
Monica Hamilton
Anita Hammock
Nancy Hair
Melissa Harris

Weekends are made for . . .

3:18 ring bell, 3:19 hurry up, 3:20 RING . . . the bell! Whew the weekend! Friday and Saturday; days every student looks forward to. Well, what are we going to do tonight, go to a party, go to a movie or what? A common question for Hickory High students. What ever the choice, you can be sure students are going to "live it up." Junior Brad Taylor commented "I like to enjoy myself and to entertain others." "Students don't see too much of their friends during the school hours so we look forward to the weekends," states Jenny Propst, who, like every other kid at Hickory High, enjoys being with her friends on the weekends. A popular place to be on Friday or Saturday night is McDonald's: eating Big Macs, talking to friends, or laughing at a joke, are all part of the partying mood. Students like to relax with their friends away from school and the books. Then Sunday comes and then Monday. Students again go back to the books, teachers, and the daydreams of next weekend.

Discussing homework? Of course not! Jeff Vermillion, Bob Dixon and Kent Kercher are having the usual Friday conversation — Where's the party?!

Troy Harris
Janet Heffner
Donald Hefner
Shannon Hefner
Chad Hendricks

Lesley Hewitt
Deborah Hill
Melissa Hines
Teresa Hodge
David Hodges

Paula Hoover
Scott Horowitz
Todd Hudson
Karen Huff
Katie Huffman

Melinda Huffman
Christy Hunsicker
Kathy Jackson
Natalie Jackson
Charles Jenkins

Erika Johnson
David Kenny
Jimmy Killian
Ray Killian
Min Kim

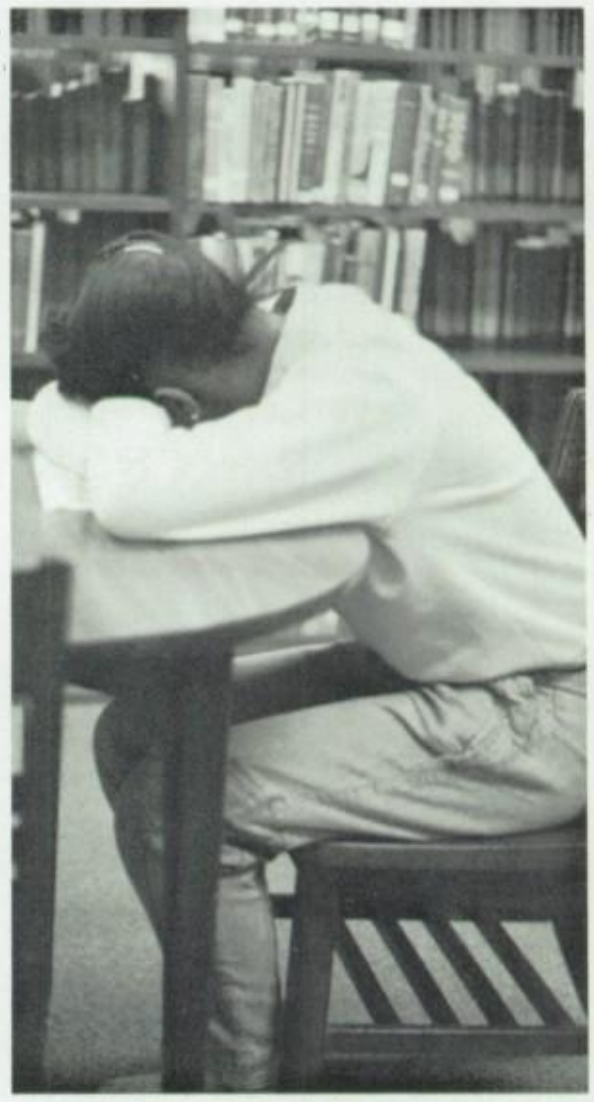
Yvette King
Lori Kirby
Brian Kiser
Jeff Kiziah
Kellie Knox

Darren Lael
Elizabeth Lane
Stephanie Lane
Allison LaTorre
Roslyn Lavan

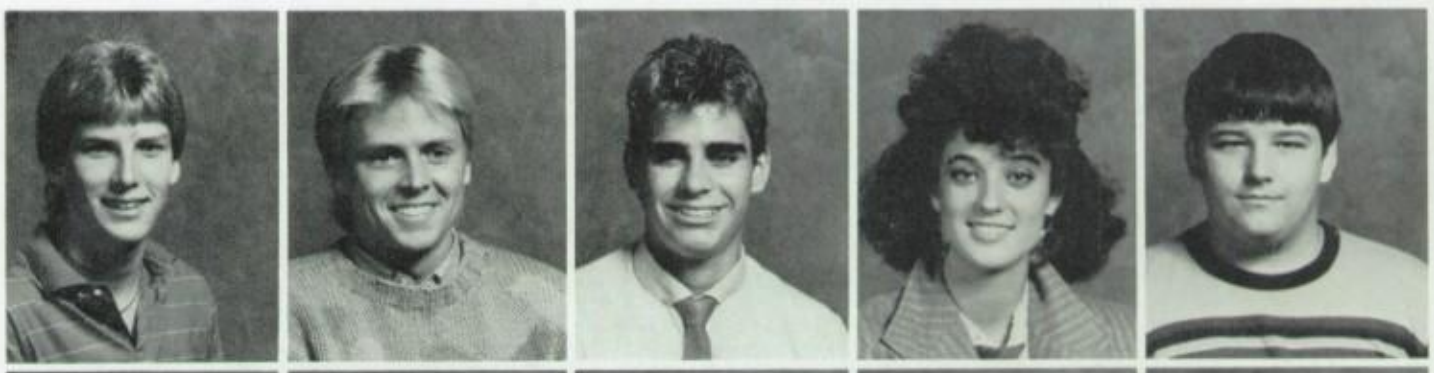
Is it Friday Yet?

Monday Morning the alarm clock goes off, it's 6:45. You get up and shower and are dressing when you find out that your jeans are in the drier, wet. You go through your drawers to find something to wear, then you look at the clock and you see that you have five minutes to get to school, finish homework and get to class so you throw something on. You get to class just as the bell rings so you aren't late but you still don't have your homework and you are half asleep and half dressed. As the teacher takes up the homework, which you don't have, you can tell it's going to be one of those Mondays. Maybe you partied too much over the weekend or maybe you just have to get back "into the swing" of things. Whatever the reason, Mondays at Hickory High aren't the best days.

"Mondays sure are a terrible way to spend ⅐ of your life," stated Suzanne Spivey. The only good thing about Monday is that you are one day closer to Friday.



This student finds a new way to read a book on Monday Morning. Give her a break, it's still early! Many students find it hard to start in the morning, like this one.



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Bill Lewis
Michie Lewis
Mikki Liner
James Lingle

Brenda Lubin
Pat Loytty
Cheryl Lowdermilk
Hope Lovern
Scott Locklear

John Lomax
Steven Lovekin
Jody Lockaby
Jannett Lippard
Paige Lutes

Eric Lutz
Kathy Lutz
Ursula Malone
Shane Mangus
Will Matheson

Katie McDowell
Andy Mearns
Brian Meer
Peter Menzies
Kevin Miklausich

John Miles
Meredith Miller
Ed Mitchell
LaShawn Morrison
Patrick Moser

John Magel
Linda Nichols
Tawanda Oates
Sandy Olsen
Emily Outen

Heather Overcash
Stacy Owen
Larry Oxford
Ted Parkhurst
Missy Parlier

Jamie Pfefferkorn
Lisa Phan
Mai Phan
Lesley Pollock
David Preslar

Anne Prevatte
Joseph Propst
Marcel Quilici
Ryan Quillan
Tony Ramseur

Not Enough Time On Your Hands?

Troy Harris shows how he spends his after school hours.

Boring . . . that's what many people feel when they have time on their hands. But while these people are complaining about having nothing to do, others wish there were 25 hours in the day instead of just 24. These are people who leave home at 8:00 in the morning and don't return until after 8:00 in the evening. They cram school, sports, jobs, and services to the school into 12 short hours. Student council member John Lomax said, "I really enjoy working and helping the school, but with football practice and student council I hardly have time for myself." School and sports aren't the only thing that occupies a student's time. Junior, Ginny Smith spends her freetime horseback riding. "Owning a horse is a big responsibility, but it's worth it." An honor that few of Hickory High students have had is being a page at the State Legislature in Raleigh. Junior, Sarah Ferrell says, "It was really great. I would recommend it to anyone who ever has the chance!" On the whole, students at HHS consider themselves very lucky to get that extra few hours of sleep on Saturday morning to recharge their batteries for another week.

Scott Ramsey
Tracy Ray
Kay Reese
Geralene Reid
Dwayne Rice

Chris Roberts
David Robinson
Holly Robinson
Carol Rogers
Dale Roseboro

Todd Rudisill
Tracy Saddler
Kimberly Sahl
Eddie Salyards
Dion Santi

Diana Schaedle
Angie Schronce
Liane Schronce
Kim Scott
Christiana Setzer

Allen Shade
Darryl Sherrill
Ashley Shumate
Jimmy Shumate
Erica Sides

Doug Sigmon
John Simon
Barbara Sisk
Brad Smith
Donna Smith

Ginny Smith
Ashley Snow
Shannon Spainhour
Suzanne Spivey
Richard Starnes

Brent Stewart
Kim Stintson
Steven Stintson
Robyne Stone
Cheryl Strickland

Mickey Suttle
Marc Swann
Gina Sweezy
Brad Taylor
Jeff Tester

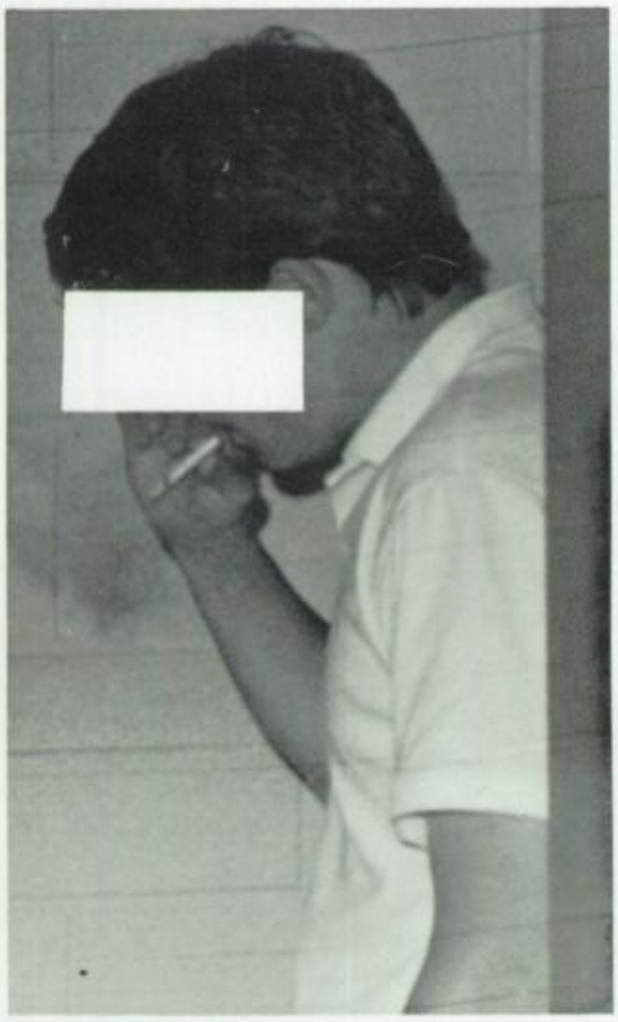
Ann Thomas
Lee Thomas
Beth Thompson
Steve Thompson
Angela Threewitt

Wenn Townsend
John Trainer
Tim Tunstill
Melissa Turner
Scott Underdown

Elizabeth Vandeman
Gabriel Walle
Carolyn Washer
Anthony Watts
Leslie Webb

Twila Welch
Leslie Whitener
Lisa Whitener
Phyllis Wilfong
Charity Williams

NO WHAT? Smoking In The Boy's Room



Here, one student shows that it is not easy to stop a habit. Of course, if he's caught the penalty will be three days of ISS so beware!

No Smoking — that's what the Hickory City School Board said just a few weeks before school started this fall. Needless to say this is a very unpopular decision with many students. Many of the students think that by high school they are able to make their own decisions about smoking. Junior Melissa Turner stated, "It's not fair, we should be allowed to do it if we want to."

Others said that they really didn't care about the law since they didn't smoke. One nonsmoker stated that he didn't think it was fair to our student body, they should be able to choose for themselves whether or not to smoke.

Of course, the administrator is very much in favor of the policy. Dr. Stuart Thompson, who did his best to get this law passed comments, "I believe that what we're doing will help the young people of Hickory."

Whether or not you smoke, unfortunately, the choice is not yours during school hours. Perhaps in the years to come, Hickory High students will regain some of the expected privileges they deserve.

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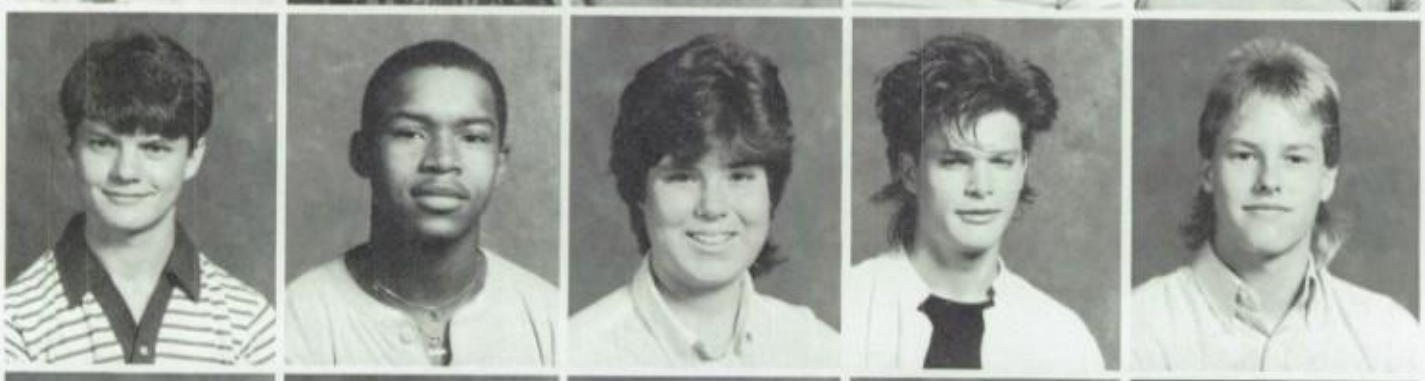
Melodie Williams
Nadine Williams
Sharon Williams
Lamonte Williams



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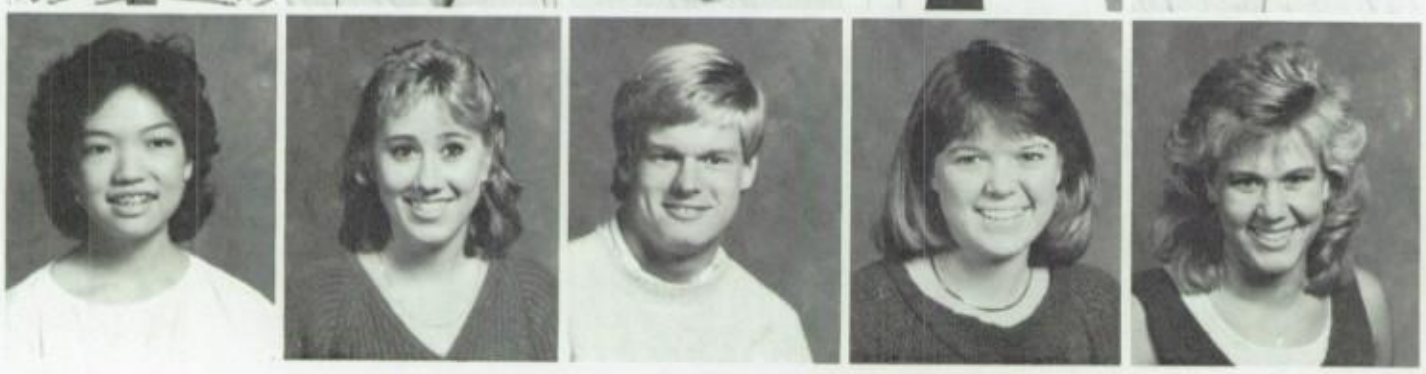
Bryan Wistehuff
Chuck Wrinkle



Suzanne Yee
Michelle Younce
Burt Young
Heather Young
Dawn Zetner

The Flu Plagues H.H.S.

AARRGH! Bring on the chicken soup! During the week of the 27th of January thru the 7th of February the flu hit Hickory in a big way. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Washburn were stuck up to their ears with phone calls from parents and excuses from students. As many as 500+ students were out daily. When asked about that certain week Mrs. Fisher stated, "Ugh!" with a laugh.

Coughing, sore throats, head colds, nausea, lack of energy and a fever could assure you at least one weeks vacation from school. Although some students did enjoy when they were sick, they knew when they got back to school they would have make up work coming out their ears. That is the price they have to pay for a vacation!

Lisa Hair smiles as she gets back into the swing of things. Many were ready to return after days in bed and soap operas began to run together.

CLASS OF 1988

Melanie Thompson, Van Fredericks, and Donnie Lutz display their loyalty to the sophomore class by selling baked goods at the '86 Tornadofest.

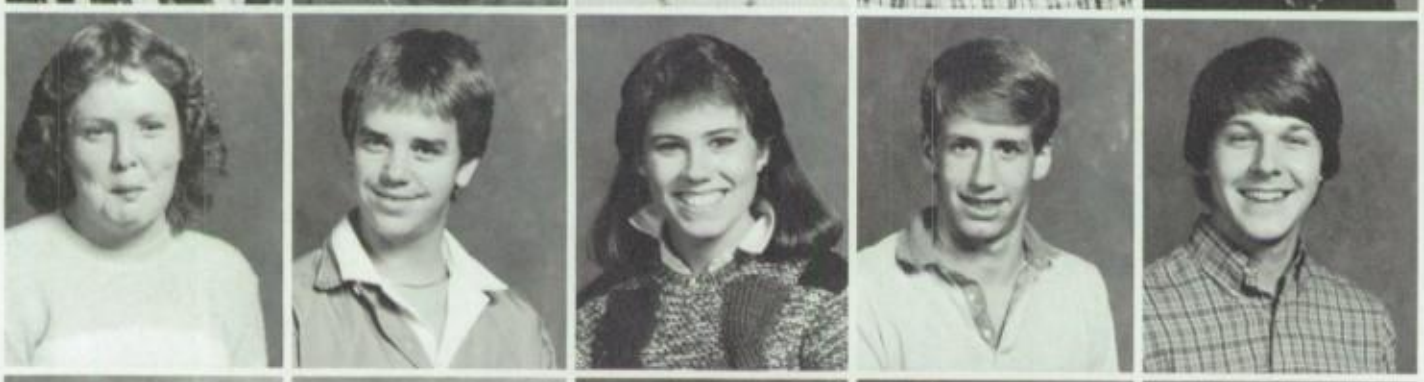
Sophomore Mike Bellar enjoys eating double cheeseburgers at McDonalds aside from his studies.

Vince Ackard
Scott Anderson
Charles Anthony
Michelle Anthony
Christy Arrowood

Jeff Atkins
Mark Austin
Kimberly Avetta
Michelle Baba
Rhonda Barbour

Wendy Barnard
Suzanne Bauer
Marnie Beach
Denning Belk
Michael Bellar

Dawn Benson
Leonardo Berry
Jennifer Binczyk
Robert Bisaner
Sonja Bisbee



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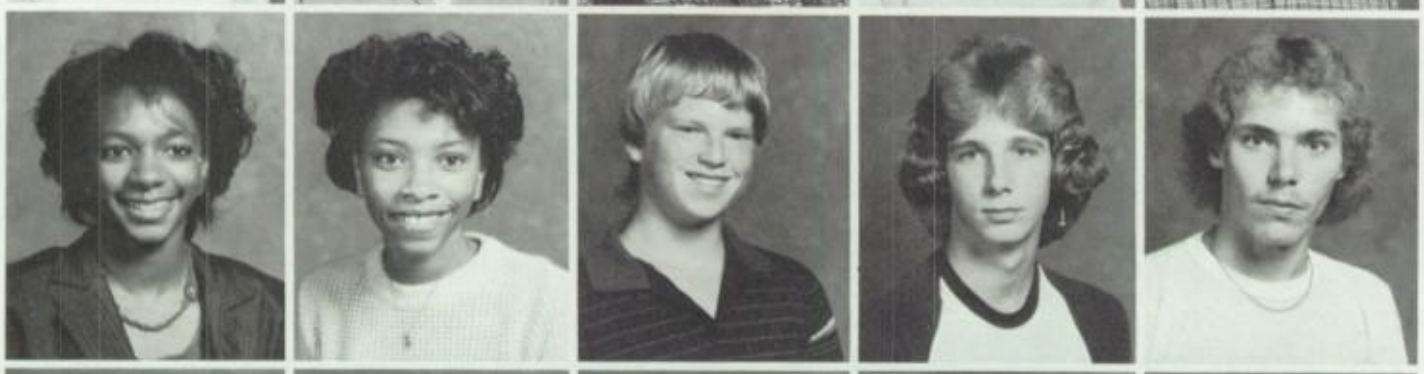
Brad Bowman
David Brewer



Antwynette Briscoe
Monica Brown
Philip Brown
Daryl Bryant
Jamie Buff

Gaye Burch
Elizabeth Burgess
Robin Byrum
Pamela Canipe
Patrick Cansler

Frosh Abuse

Just as the freshmen of previous years had to deal with it, frosh abuse is a tradition carried on by sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This year, such discrimination is one reason why some ninth graders don't like being called a "freshman". During the 1985-86 school year, freshman abuse was at its worst. Most upper-classmen referred to these under-classmen as "Bee Bops." Though students make such remarks for amusement, freshmen sometimes take the remarks to heart. Ninth grader Phillip Powell states his opinion, "Frosh abuse is getting bigger every year. I don't like it, but every freshman has to go through it." Freshman abuse is not meant to put people down, but just about every ninth grader has to deal with it.

The "Bee Bops" sign, or often referred to as freshmen, was a common sight around Hickory High.

Margo Carlton
David Caugh
David Chappell
Fred Clark
Sherrie Clemmons

Andrew Cline
Bryan Clontz
Mark Clontz
Greg Coley
Marcus Conner

Sarah Cook
James Correll
Edwina Crady
Andy Crews
Tracey Crump

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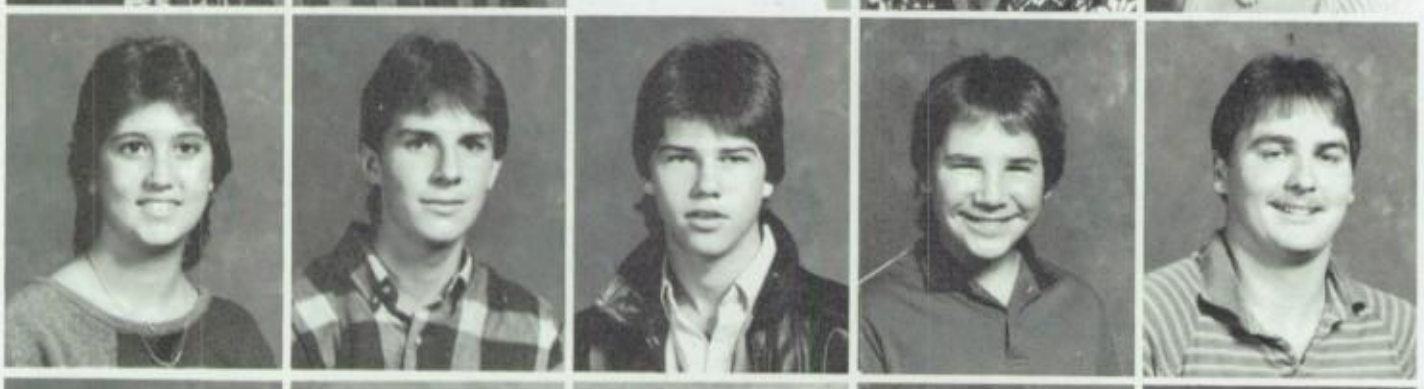
Barbara Dettlebach



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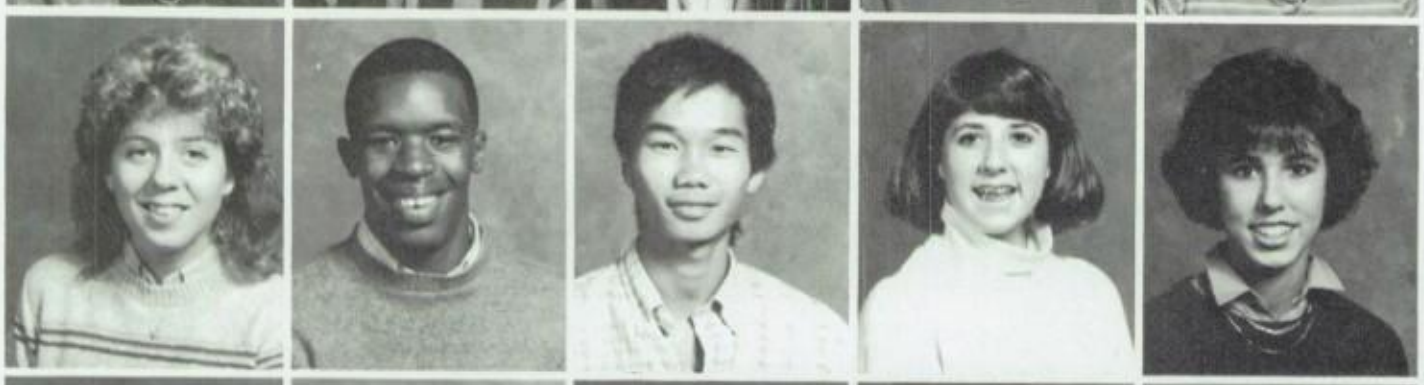
Charles Dickson
Brandon Dirks
David Doby



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Quy Duong
Susan Eaton
Lisa Ellis

Joseph Erving
Tronda Farley
Kenneth Floyd
Kelly Foster
Stuart Fowler

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Patricia Fredericks
Conrad Fritz
Andy Frye
Carrie Fuller

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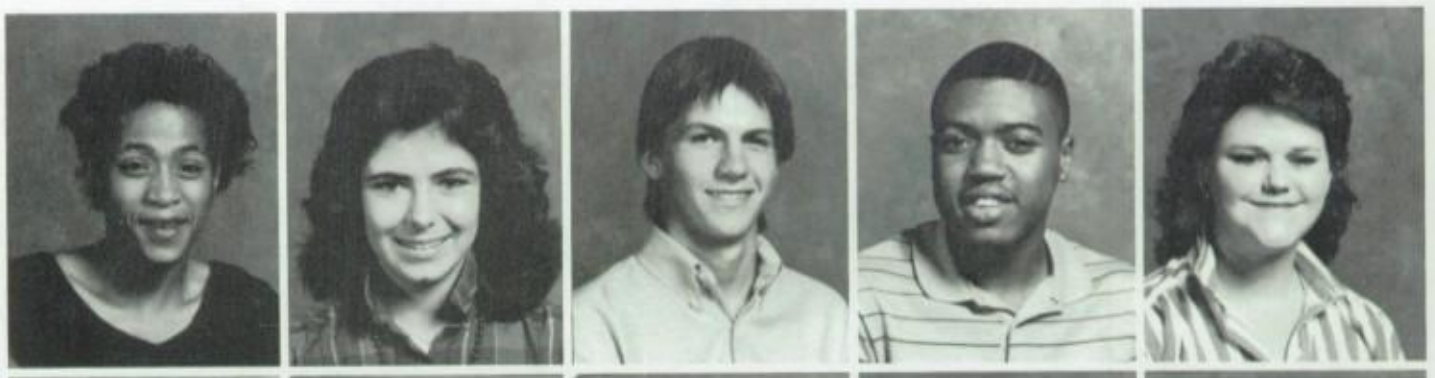
Kyle Garlitz
Shannon Gates
Heather George
Renae Geter



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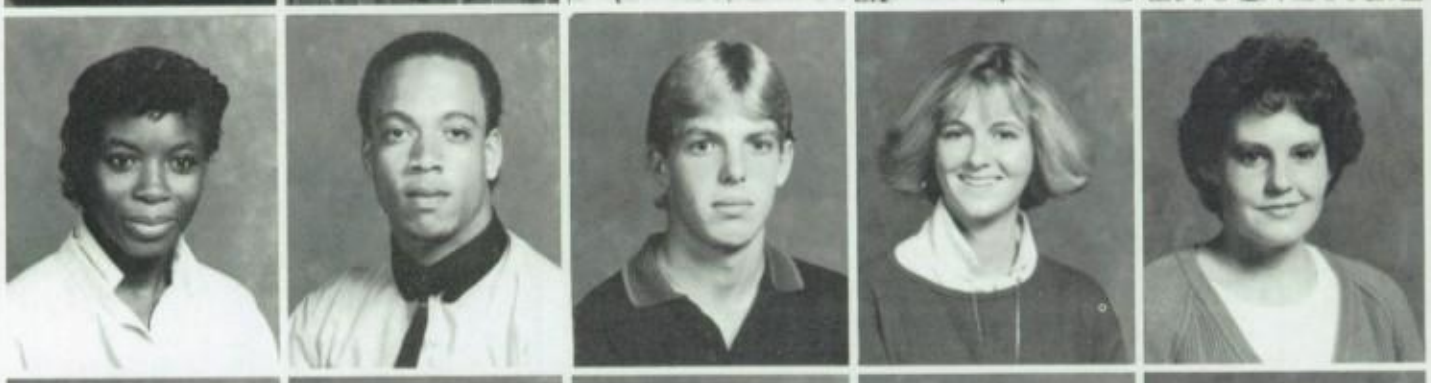
Sandee Gibbs
David Glasscock
Edward Glover
Sandra Goble



Faye Gore
Tracy Graham
Matt Guzi
Alisa Gwaltney
Amy Hager

Cynthia Hair
Jill Hale
Lee Hamrick
Carol Hancock
Preston Harkey

Sarah Harold
Tammy Harris
Cecelia Harshaw
Shannon Harvey
Cindy Harwell

Shane Hasty
John Hayes
Monica Hayes
Sherry Hayes
Ashley Helton

Toby Henphill
Amanda Henderson
Brian Hendrix
Suzy Herman
Sabrina Hicks

Matt Hinckle
Denene Hines
Carla Hippler
Riley Hoke
Anya Hollar

Elaine Hollar
Phyllis Holmes
Amy Honeycutt
David Houk
Heather Howard

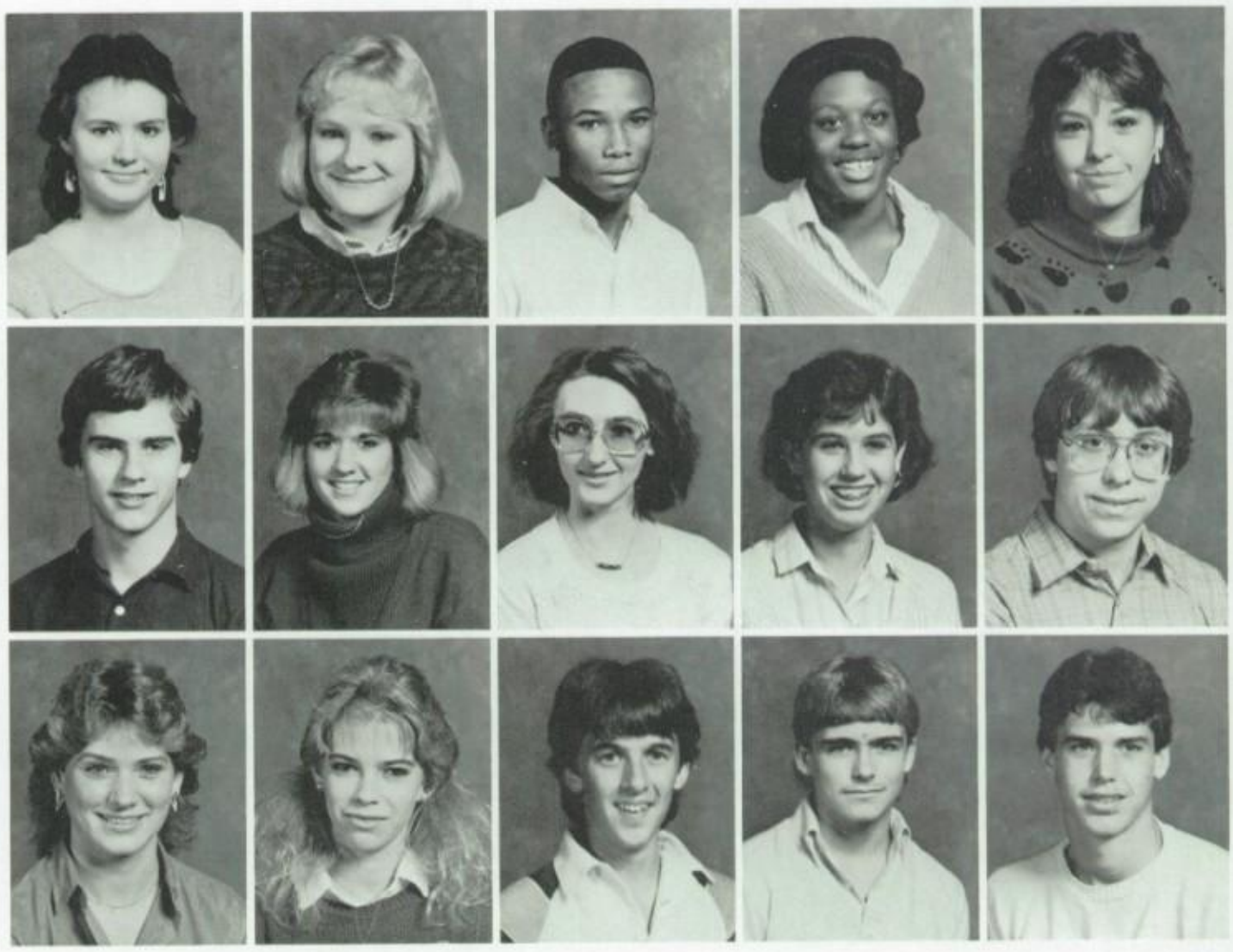
Mark Hoyle
Leslie Hudson
Stephanie Hudson
Marcellena Huffman
Felecia Huffman

Zandra Hunt
Jennifer Hyatt
Melanie James
Wyatt James
Thomas James

The Crowd

The center has been a popular hangout among students for many years. Here, sophomores Jennifer Myers and Michele Johnson discuss their homework.

Where are the teen hangouts? Sophomore Marcellena Huffman comments, "I hang around the center so I can catch up on the latest gossip." Jon Pernell goes "just about everywhere." According to HHS students, McDonald's and Lake Hickory Dam are also frequently visited. Going to the movies or gathering at a friend's house are two popular activities with teens. For those who like to "rock-n-roll", concerts in Charlotte or Greensboro are the place to be. Football games, in the fall, supply the youth with a place to gather. During the winter months, many teens hit the ski slopes for snow-filled fun. As the year progresses, break out the suntan oil — it's summer! Swimming and tanning keeps teens busy in hot weather. Wherever teens may be, they seem to know where the crowd is. Hickory High students are, as Matt Moser says, "wherever the party is!"



Michelle Jenkins
Andrea Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Karen Johnson
Michele Johnson

Todd Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Michelle Jones
Julie Jordan
Joseph Kaylor

Sherrie Keller
Gina Kepley
Jon Kilborn
Tom Klutz
Donnie Knapp

A Helping Hand

Who are these people that seem to always be in the library? Extra-studious pupils? No, they are commonly referred to as library aides. About four students each period come into the library to help out with all the tedious work such as place requires. Although the work is not really difficult, it is time consuming. The librarians expect the aids to complete worksheets about the library, shelve books, and organize the video materials. Mrs. Smith, school librarian, thinks that, "It's great! It saves a lot of time (with overdue books). We feel like the students are getting more efficient service." A word of advice for that four-month overdue book at home: Bring it in! there is a record on computer file and it is NOT going to disappear. Sometimes it is the difference in graduation and failing. The library aides share a closer relationship with their mentors than just with teachers. There is a personal touch that could have no substitute. About the only stipulation sophomore Randy Watkins could think of was, "You have to be willing to learn and understand what the librarians ask you to do." But then, cooperation is an imperative aspect to consider in any type of workplace.

One of the principle reasons for being a library aide is for college preparation. Knowing in which section to look for materials, no matter where the library is, will prove to be a great benefit.

Although it would be more practical for some aspiring to be a librarian, anyone planning to use a library in the future would find being a library aide absolutely a help.

To get to know the library better, sophomore Randy Watkins uses his free period to be a library aide.

Stacey Knotts
Kelly Kowalski
Leslie Kunkel
Heidi Kunstman
Amy Lamoreaux

Chuck Lail
Landa Lawrence
David Leffler
Jerry Leonard
Brade Lineberger

Shunda Littlejohn
Monica Locklin
Bobby Loggins
Leigh Lomax
Mary Beth Loucks

Sara Lunow
Jennifer Lutz
Sharon Lutz
Chris Lyerly
Kellie Lytle

Roger Mackey
Erin Mahan
Angela Marshburn
Tony Mayhew
Garrett McAlister

Tonya McCorkle
David McCoy
Stephanie McKee
Cara Mecimore
Cindy Merrill

Paul Milam
Jeffrey Miles
Karen Miller
Scott Miller
Viveca Mitchell

Keith Moore
Michael Moore
David Morgan
Janet Morrison
Lori Morrow

Matthew Moser
Elizabeth Mull
Jennifer Myers
Denise Newton
Hop Nguyen

Charlie Nutting
Kelly O'Toole
Kevin O'Toole
Reginald Oates
Erik Oehling

Kristi Owen
Greg Padget
Johnny Parker
Mirium Patterson
Daniel Pennell

Jon Pernell
Leah Petree
Adam Phillips
Marjorie Pitts
Lisa Pollock

Derrick Pope
Mark Pope
Angela Powell
Jennifer Propst
Laura Pruitt

Robert Pugh
Karen Queen
Renee Ramseur
Kelly Ray
Penny Reel

16 And Set Free

This group of pre-16 year olds patiently await after school for a ride home, wishing they could drive themselves.

Oh! The frustration of it all. No license, no car, no social life? Sounds familiar.

No doubt the frustrations of the pre-16 years can be trying. Transportation being such a large part of all our lives, having none would be like coke without ice, pimples without clearasil, or a high school without a senior class. Imagine having your social life dictated by Mom's and Dad's schedules. Few ballgames, almost no parties, and maybe one or two movies can be acquired by the most avid endeavors of the average 15 year old.

Staying home on Saturday nights while your friends are going out and having fun could easily cause a major depression. Sometimes fortune is on the right side and a friend who does have a car is willing to give a ride to social events.

But on the whole life without a car is ?!#%.

Melissa Reese
Ronald Rickman
Darlene Roberts
Kenneth Roberts
Robert Roberts

Christopher Robinson
Mark Rose
Matthew Rothert
Joy Rudisill
Christine Rueter

Sam Ruff
Timothy Saddler
Natalie Sanders
Pam Seatz
Margaret Setzler

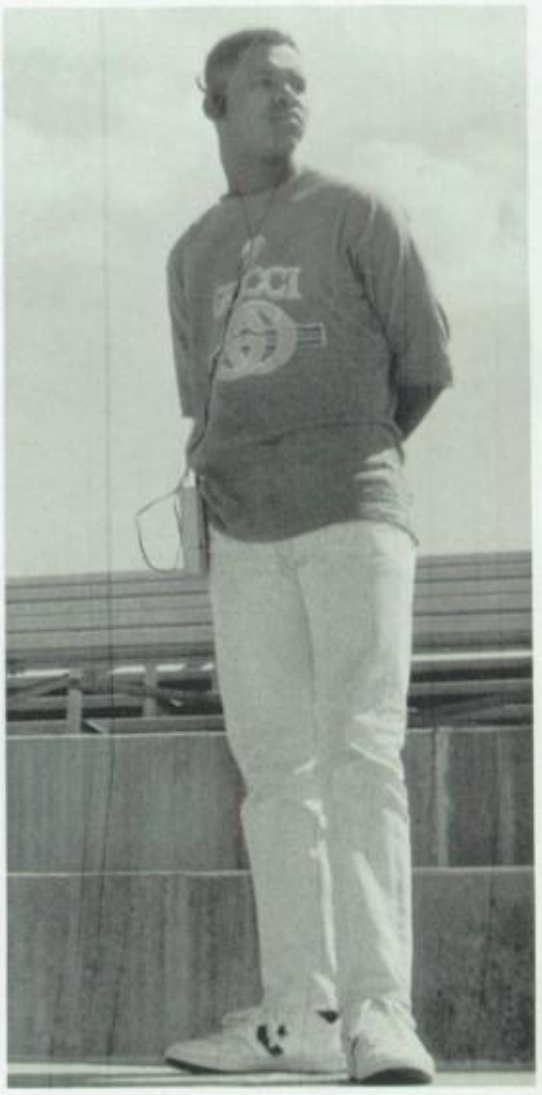
NICKNAMES

Have you ever been walking the halls of school and suddenly hear someone shout, "Hey, Pee Wee!"? Then you wonder, "What's a Peewee?" Well this just happens to be one of the many nicknames lucky students get to put up with during their high school years. Of course, these pseudonyms are not meant to put people down. As a matter of fact, many students do not mind being called by another name. Some are even used as compliments.

Junior Anthony Wilson, who is commonly referred to as "Shorty", tells how he got his nickname, "In the first grade my Dad started calling me Shorty because everybody was taller than me."

Other well-known nicknames heard around the school are: "Burl" (Brad Smith), "Alphie" (Alphadella Smith), "Dunc" (David Duncan), "Roach" (Matthew Rothert), "Sweez" (Gina Sweezy), "Rowdy" (Rick Taylor), "Cheeseburger" (Jennifer Hicks).

So if you do hear someone shout an unusual name, it could possibly be a nickname given to them for past experiences.



Junior Anthony Wilson, known by most as Shorty, enjoys listening to music after school hours.

Sherri Shade
Kelly Shepard
Amy Shepler
Anissa Sherrill
Christine Shuford

Scott Sills
Stephanie Sipe
Amy Smith
Ricardo Smith
Tammy Smith

Curtis Smithey
Michael Speagle
Brian Starnes
Kelly Stephens
Reginald Stinson

Stacy Streeter
David Styers
Damon Surratt
Mary Be Swatzel
Kim Szentesi

Zack Taylor
Michele Teachout
Mark Teague
Michelle Teague
Dionna Thompson

McDonald Thompson
Melanie Thompson
Laura Tolleson
Karen Trotter
Jerome Tucker

Chad Tucker
Reshae Tucker
Vickie Turner
Sylvia Ussery
Berri Van Etten

Kim Van
Thanh Vo
Jamie Waldroup
Stephanie Walker
Tracie Walker

Jeff Walters
Randy Watkins
Harrison Weathers
Brady White
Justin White

Marlin White
Jennifer Whitener
Kristen Whitworth
Lenora Wilfong
Angela Williams

Lesley Williams
Patrick Williams
Tina Williamson
Joyce Wimbush
Natalie Wiseman

Jennifer Wistehuff
Edward Wittenburg
Allen Wood
Timothy Woodards
Christi Wycoff

Hard At Work

School, car, parties, and presents are all reasons a person needs money. How many times have you walked up to your mom and dad and begged, "I'm broke! Can I have some money?" When the answer was no, what did you do? Got a job!

"I enjoy the work I do." That was the general consensus of many school workers. Of the few complaints that surfaced, "I never have any time for my friends!" was the most common. Ask yourself this question: Would you rather have money for the time you do have with your friends, or no money for and all the time in the world?

When asking C.O. Miller, the operator and administrator at the Hickory Foundation Center, how he feels about hiring teenagers under the age of 16 he stated, "Younger kids are not as responsible, if they have something better to do then they don't show up for work. I prefer kids over the age of 16, if at all possible."

"I think teenagers should have to work," says Junior Chris Roberts. Work is good for teens; it shows them what responsibility is and prepares them for future jobs.

Working in a local print shop, Lionel Ellis uses his skills on a printing machine.

Leaders of the pack . . .

Working all summer, preparing for the year to come, arranging schedules, operating summer school, the administration has a more taxing summer than any other time of the year. Responsibility for approximately 1400 students allows little time for vacation. Mr. Williamson comments, "You'll go crazy if you don't make time for outside activities." Mr. Williamson believes that he has diversity in his job through ball games, band concerts, and plays.

"We don't have time for vacation during the summer. Last year I had to take my vacation in December!" states Mr. Brackenhoff, with a gleam in his eye. Dr. Angel says that she would leave Hickory for the beach in a second, although she is happy to be close to the teachers at Hickory High.

The Administration worked this year toward several goals. One was that Hickory High complete the Southern Association, the ten year accreditation in October. Attendance is definitely another problem they would like to get a handle on. "Attendance is a very serious problem. We've got kids that miss thirty days out of the year and expect to pass. We must make them attend.

survive another year!

Mr. Williamson — UNC Wilmington, ECU. Major — Biology; Minor — Chemistry; BS, M, Eds.

Mr. Brackenhoff — 20 years military service, 2 semesters Campbell University. Major — math; BS, Master in School Administration, Eds.

Dr. Angel — Ball St. University, Western Michigan, University of Georgia. Major — Ed. Administration; BS, MA, Eds, EDD; English.

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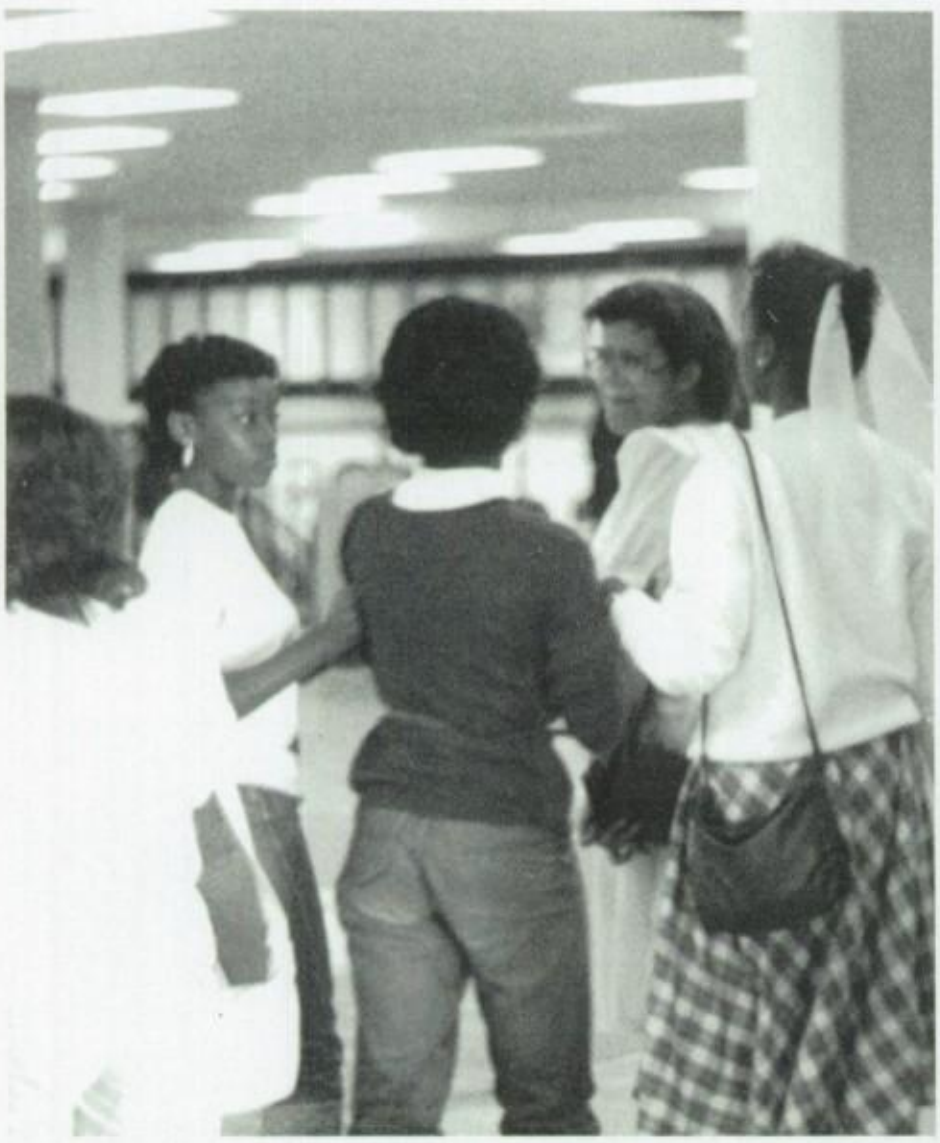
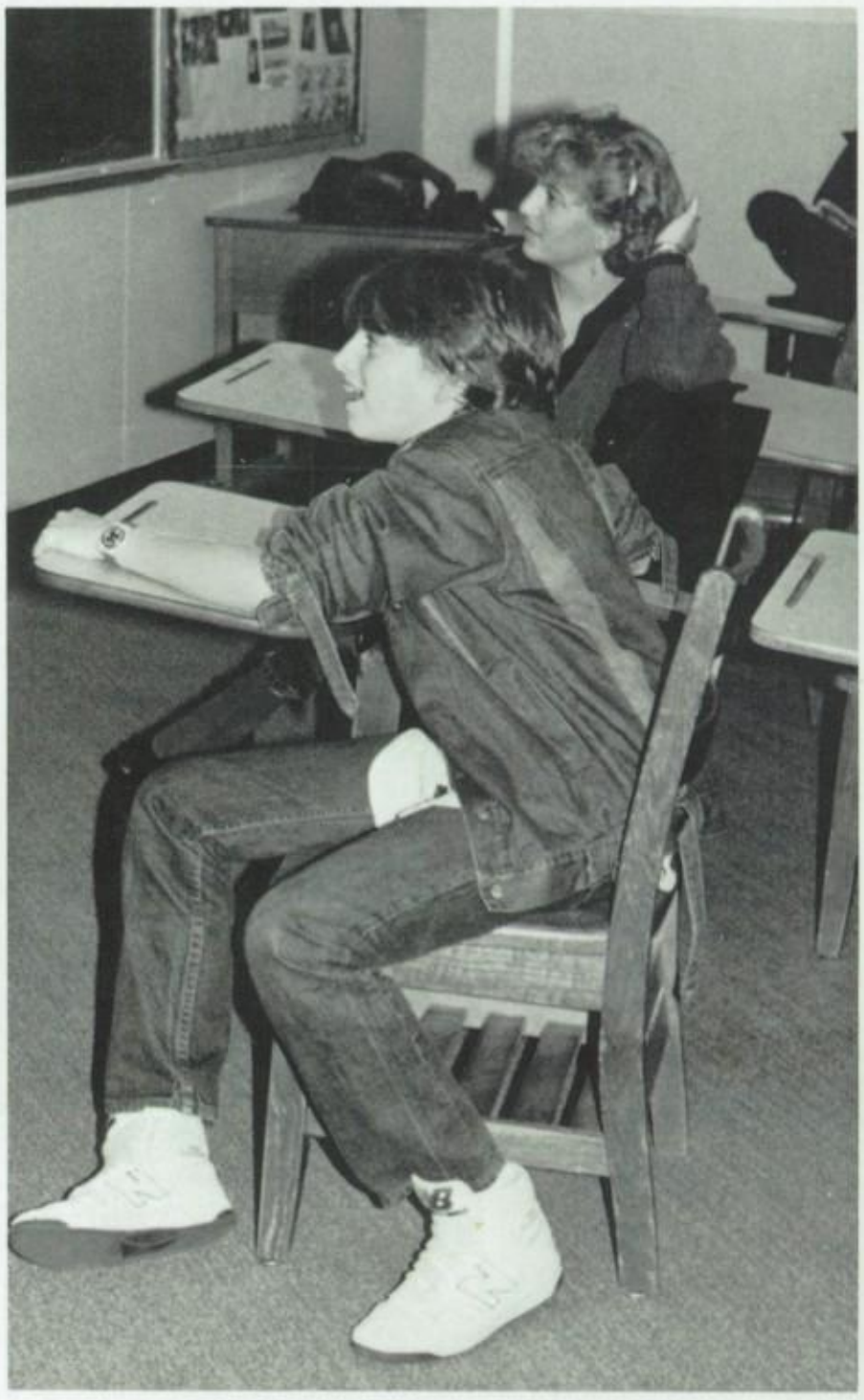
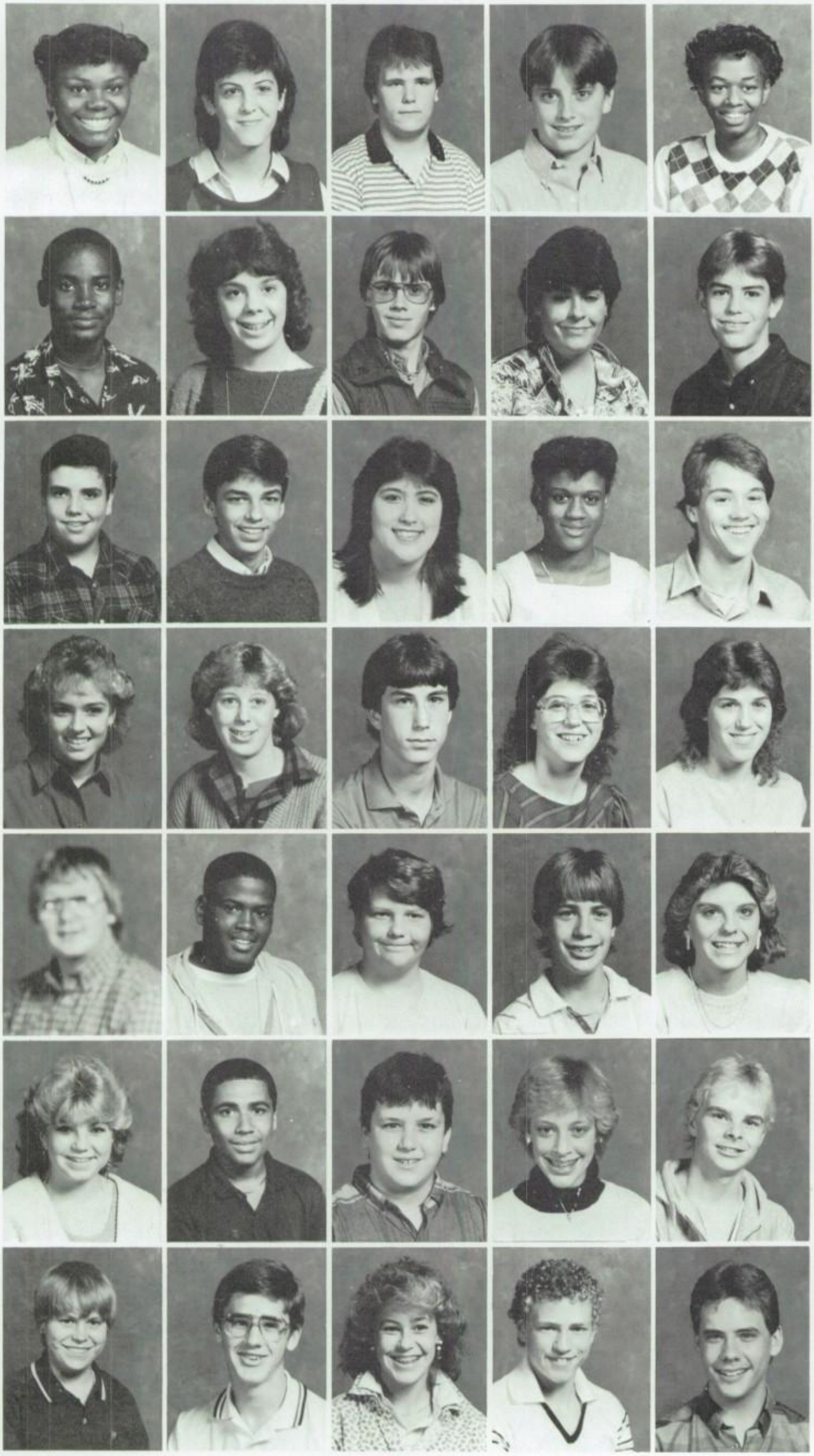


When you are lost, where do you go? The mall of Hickory High school, of course. As these freshmen indicate, the mall is a good place to make new friends.



Learning to cope in high school has its ups and downs. However, humerous teachers ease the load like Jonathan Akins in Mr. Howard's Economics and Government class.



Jackie Abernathy
Audrie Adams
Bryan Adams
Jonathan Adkins
Angel Albright

Odell Allred
Windy Amann
Randy Armstrong
Amy Auton
Bruce Baker

Glenn Baker
Jason Baker
Shelly Baker
Cheryl Banks
Mark Bernard

Elizabeth Barrier
Amy Bates
Mark Beane
Sherry Bedford
Glendra Bently

Kendra Bently
David Bissette
Allen Blackburn
Anthony Bolden
Curtis Bolick

Crystal Bollinger
Eric Bost
Charlene Bowman
Gretchen Bowman
Erick Boyles

Freddie Brendle
Michael Bridgeman
Gayla Bridges
Travis Burgess
Joe Brittan

Marissa Brittain
Jill Brouhard
Beth Brown
Coretta Brown
Edward Brown

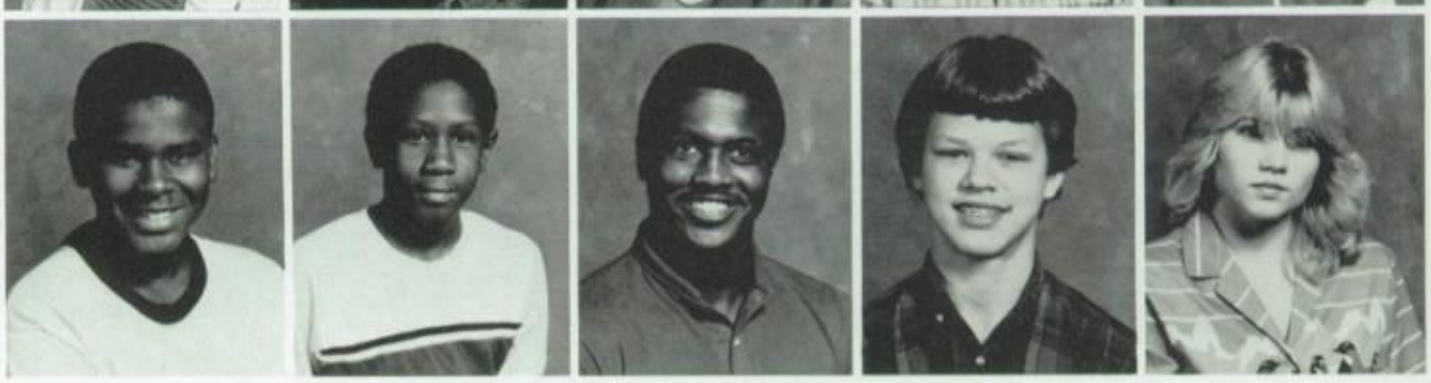
Tina Brown
Sandra Bruner
Richard Bryant
Jodi Buff
Stephen Bumgardner

Robert Burch
Patrick Burnside
Revonda Byrd
John Cagle
Todd Caldwell

Page Cannon
Scott Cantrell
Johnny Carey
Tina Carey
Joy Carpenter

Allison Cathey
Trey Childs
Tina Christopher
Donnell Clark
Amy Clegg

Tonia Clemons
Tyrone Clemmons
Nicole Cline
Tim Cline
John Cloninger



Calvin Coffey
Charles Coffey
Rodney Colbert
Russel Coley
Carol Collins

Traci Collins
Mark Conley
Kenya Connelly
Maurice Connelly
Cherie Cook

Gina Cook
Jessica Cook
Derek Coulter
Gordon Craig
Amy Crawford

Ann Creech
Sebastian Crowder
Jay Crown
Dana Crump
Cheri Culbert

Taking it off . . . the hangers

In the halls of HHS, students can be seen everywhere showing their style with something we all have in common: CLOTHES. We all wear them. To some fashion is a very big part of life while others could not care less. What kind of clothes, what color and what brand depends on the individual's taste and the amount of money they are willing to spend. The Guess, Gasoline, and Forenza labels are all seen frequently on the bluejeans walking around the halls but good old Levis' are still around. Generally, the guys at HHS don't really care what type of clothes they have on as long as they are comfortable. When asked what influences his style of dressing, freshman, Robby Keiner says that surf magazines as well as other magazines influence his style. The girls on the other hand are more concerned with fashion. They can be seen with Gucci, Liz Claiborne, Guess, and Forenza all over them; in paisleys, prints, and plaids in all colors imaginable from the biggest stores across the U.S.; The Limited, T. Edwards, Saxs Fifth Ave., and Bloomingdales. If you take a little bit of influence from magazines, add a little bit of your flair then you'll have what it takes to fit into the fashion scene at HHS.

Anna Portwood slides into fashion with a striped knee length sweater, stretch pants, and white suede boots.

Erica Dagenhart
Susan Dahle
Katherine Davis
Scottye Davis
Reginald Deal

Chris Dehart
David Deitz
Michele Deitz
Debbie Denton
Anissa Derr

Auncie Derr
Ronnie Dillingham
Michael Dixon
Chris Dillow
Kenneth Dotson

Melanie Dotson
Michael Dugger
Melanie Dula
Donna Edwards
Carter Erickson

Frankie Ervin
Shannon Ervin
Robin Farley
James Fincannon
Tracey Finch

Michael Fisher
Clifton Fisher
Sophie Fletcher
Candy Flick
Ann Forehand

Tracey Fowler
Jamie Fox
Chad Frye
Deborah Frye
Michael Fulbright

Teachers Are People Too!

Emphasizing a particular subject while teaching Economics and Government, Mrs. Marsh seems to be interested about her work.

During school, teachers are the **only** ones talking about homework and tests. Have you ever wondered what teachers do on weekends? Teachers don't just sit at home grading that pop quiz that no one passed on Friday. Teachers, believe it or not, are just like you and me. Well, maybe not **just** like you and me but they do other things besides grading papers. S. Britian, a Spanish teacher says, "I like to read and spend time with my children on the weekends." V. Stafford, a French and World History teacher, enjoys performing in plays presented by the Community Theater. Mrs. Stafford spends most of her time practicing for plays. On the weekends, teachers are more than just teachers, they are people, too!

Donna Fuller
Kim Fuller
Michael Gadd
Jennifer Gaither
Kristin Gardner

Chris Garlitz
David Garriga
Laura Gatwood
Mary Gay
Kristen Gentry

Tammy Gentry
Edward Gerrard
Tracey Geter
Lauran Gibson
Kimberly Gilgen

Wendy Goodwin
Kenneth Goins
Sam Gorham
Billy Gouge
Donnie Greer

Wendy Grier
Jennifer Gwaltney
Scott Hagee
Stacia Hamm
Wendy Hardee

Michelle Harris
Rodney Harris
Melanie Hart
Carla Harwell
Scott Havner

Ashley Hayes
Scott Haymond
Tammy Hector
Treva Hector
Carol Heffner

Connie Hendrix
Charlie Henry
Devin Hensley
Michelle Herman
Tonya Hewitt

Elizabeth Hibbard
Jennifer Hicks
Stephanie Hicks
Dawn Higgins
Candy Hight

Barry Hildebran
Janet Hildebran
Corey Hill
Bridget Hines
Cary Hodges

Beverly Hoke
Karen Hoke
Alisia Holloway
Chris Hopper
Charles Hornick

Jerome Hoyle
Gregg Huffman
Alan Hughes
Melissa Hunsicker
Charles Hunsucker

Maurice Hunsucker
Beverly Hunt
Melvin Hunt
Stephen Hunt
Tracie Hunt

Summertime Fever!

Waiting for her ride, Wendy Goodwin is catching the sun's rays and trying to get a tan while watching people as they walk by.

WOW! With only three weeks, students were counting down the days, not only the seniors who had two weeks of school, but the freshman were excited as well! The most popular saying for summer was "I can't wait" only three more weeks of school, and we get to the beach. Wendy Goodwin, a freshman states, "The reason I want to get out of school is to catch up on my tan, party hard, and live at the beach." Summertime to every student, not only freshman means a long term vacation away from school to lay out in the sun at the lake or the beach or maybe by a swimming pool. Summertime fever is the time when girls can talk about going to the beach to get a luscious tan, and to meet the boy of her dreams, described as dark, blonde hair, blue eyes, and muscular, but on the other hand, all the guys can think about going to the beach to meet his own dream girl in the littlest bikini imaginable. Summertime fever is being referred to also as "Party Fever!"

"Sweet Tooth"

Candy, gum, snowcones, cotton candy, or candy apples. Does this sound good to you? Well, if it does, you have a case called, "Sweet Tooth." At the beginning of summer, a man referred to as the Candy Man, or Tony, came to HHS on almost every hot, sunny day to serve luscious snowcones in various flavors such as, grape, cherry, blueberry, banana, lime, and rainbow, so if you can't decide what you want, you can have a little taste of everything. Melanie Taylor, a freshman, states, "It's great when you get something cool that has flavor after school instead of drinking water in school all day long." Not only are snowcones famous, but the cotton candy, candy apples, and snowcones are all sold for only fifty-cents, but the snowcone is the most enjoyable of all!

Taking advantage of a warm spring day and a great opportunity, Sharon Whicker makes a wise investment in her very own cherry snowcone.

Catherine Icard
Gene Ingle
Greg Jackson
Gevon Jenkins
Chris Johnson

Clegg Johnson
Crystal Johnson
Lenny Johnson
Katherine Johnson
Kip Johnson

Brian Johnson
Lisa Jones
Juliee Julian
Robby Keener
Laura Killian

Peter Kim
Philip Kaylor
Tammy Kee
Allison King
Leslie King

Tracie King
Kyle Kinner
Angelique Kirby
Cynthia Kiziah
Michael Koetter

Suzanne Kurad
Jose Lafuente
Philip Lail
Todd Lail
Doug Lauterbach

Jennifer Laws
Yen Le
Tracie Lee
Ricky Lineberger
Libby Lingerfelt

Rachel Lingerfelt
Kip Little
Tommy Little
Kristy Lockaby
Brenda London

Leslie Looper
Bryan Lovern
Michelle Lowman
Melinda Lutz
My Lihn Luu

Winston Lyerly
Kathryn Marlow
Guy Martin
Hal Marvin
Terisiline Matthews

Jennifer Maull
Vera Mauney
Laura Max
Angie Mayfield
Derrick Mayfield

Kimberly Mayhew
Donna McGill
Patrick McLean
Susannah McLendon
Alex McMickle

Betty McMullens
Dean Melton
Jennifer Melton
Scott Miklausich
Angie Milam

The Kentucky Derby!

No, lunch . . . What does the 5-letter word mean to you? To some it is a time to fill growling stomachs, to others, a study hall or time to do that forgotten homework from yesterday that's due in fifteen minutes. But to many, it's a time to share that "secret" gossip with a special confidante. Heather Yarnall comments, "I like lunch because it's a chance to see my friends."

As the bell for lunch rings, it's like the starting gun for the Kentucky Derby. Using the classroom doors as starting gates and the lunch lines as the ultimate destination, the race is off. Amid the rush and roar, very few take their time. Even though lunch is not a chance to win a blue ribbon for the stomach, it's the one time of the day to share with friends.

Even though HHS cafeteria won the top school food prize, John Miles would still rather be at Homer's having a big hamburger, a fry, and a large refreshing coke.

Lara Miller
Bill Millner
Carolyn Minyard
Alexia Moffitt
Adair Moore

Kim Moore
Perry Moore
Tonya Morrison
Danny Morrow
Chuck Moyer

Janie Mullis
Tiffany Mullis
Marvin Mutz
Kim Nance
Clay Neill

Rance Nicholas
Kim Null
Junior Odom
Larry Offill
Lee Osborne

Kendall Owen
Joy Page
Doug Paige
Denia Parker
Chad Parris

Uma Pater
Craig Patterson
Veronica Pearson
Lori Petree
Darnell Phelps

Bo Phillips
Scott Phillips
Bryant Pierce
Lisa Ponz
Larry Pope

Anna Portwood
Donnie Potts
Randy Poteat
Anthony Powell
Carl Powell

Emily Powell
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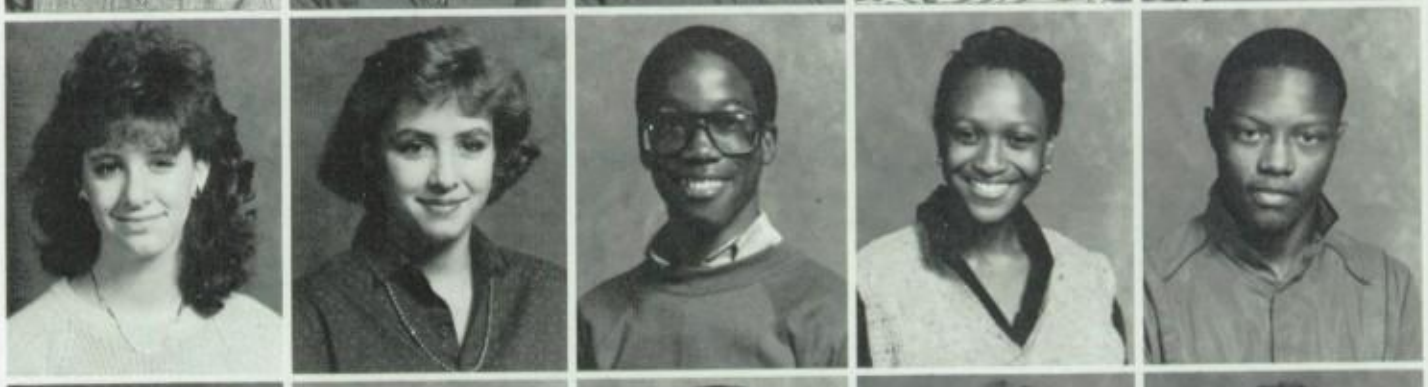
Stephen Propst
Marsha Propst
Jerry Propst



Terry Purcell
Tim Pyant
Craig Quick
Angie Ratcliff
Dana Rector

Crystal Clear

If this is the way you see when you first open your eyes in the morning, then you may need contacts.

Contacts are very popular with many people, especially, the freshmen. They are always worried about what they wear and how they look to others. "Contacts are great and they don't ruin your appearance," says Freshman Anna Portwood. Another Freshman, Allison Cathey agrees, but she also adds that they can "be a pain!"

Contacts come in various styles. They range from soft to hard lenses and even come in different tints such as baby blue, emerald green, chestnut, and aqua. Overall, however, the most popular color is still clear. The care of these expensive beauty enhancers ranges from the very simple 30 day lenses to the more tiresome removal of regular ones every night. Whatever your preference may be, it seems that contacts are the choice of the new generation.

Dorraine Reed
Angela Reid
Lisa Reid
Ann Reinhardt
Kelly Reinhardt

Ernie Rhyne
Eric Rice
Dax Ridgway
Cynthia Rivera
Linda Robinson

Todder Robinson
Yolanda Robinson
Chad Rocque
Marcus Roseman
Brad Rowland

David Rueter
Matt Runyon
Dax Santi
Gail Schronce
Tanya Schronce

Kristen Schulten
Leigh Scott
Kelley Settlemyre
Cami Setzer
Derrick Shade

Cynthia Shelton
Darrell Shelton
Deke Shepler
Chandra Sherrill
Christal Shook

Katie Showfety
Leslie Shrewsberry
Christa Shuford
Nancy Shuford
Timothy Sigmon

Was My Face Red!?

Oops! Yalanda White is caught falling up the stairs. Most Freshmen go through this but few are caught by the camera.

Did you ever fall down the stairs, or up for that matter? How about when you were a freshmen? David Rueter expresses: "My sister and I were playing in the street one day a long time ago. The football was falling between the two of us. We both ran to catch it, and needless to say, we collided. We were both rushed to the hospital where we got stitches in our chin and foreheads."

When people are freshman, they are likely to "goof up" because they think that everyone is looking at them. Melanie Taylor tells her story: "My first day of driving we were making a left turn and he told me to check my speed. So I looked at the speedometer. While I was watching my speed, I kinda forgot to steer and the car went right into someone's yard. I felt pretty stupid."

No matter if your story is as bad as these, or worse, they can't be as bad as the freshman's are.

Amy Simmons
Justin Simpson
David Slvinski
Lisa Smith
William Smith

Stephen Southard
Tyler Spencer
Jon Starnes
Kathryn Starnes
Scott Stephens

Wendy Stephens
Todd Stilwell
Scott Stone
Roderick Streeter
Tammy Sudderth

Robert Sumpter
Robin Suttle
Meredith Sweezy
Eve Szentesi
Anh Ta

Christopher Taylor
Ian Taylor
Judy Taylor
Melanie Taylor
Melissa Taylor

Mike Taylor
Michelle Teachout
Kelly Teague
Todd Teague
Ruby Terry

Tasuha Thomas
Desmond Thompson
Dwight Thompson
Rodney Thompson
Todd Thompson

Bochia Tillman
Keith Tomblin
Warren Tipps
Judy Townsend
Jermaine Tucker

Robin Turner
Jennifer Tuttle
Kathy Vaughn
Erica Vickers
Wendy Wagnon

Kim Walker
Chris Walling
Chrissie Walls
Jonathan Walmsley
Sammuel Walsh

Angel Warlick
Anneli Warren
Sean Watson
Rece Weaver
Michael Webb

Anne Weeks
Sharon Whicker
Evan White
Krystal White
Yalanda White

Ronald Whitener
Julie Wilhelm
Carol Williams
Leslie Williams
Phillis Williams

Warning. Opinionated

Hazardous, tremendous, outrageously overstated and uniquely expressed can all be used to describe opinions. Every little person, whether sunbathing on Mars or swimming in the deepest hole, has their opinions, and the majority have no problem expressing them. Because so many are missing the outlet to plug their mouths in, this feature is especially for them. Everyone has the right to shout, whisper, rage . . . etc.

Discussing the small matters of partying, an item of utmost importance to the lifestyle of the rich and underaged, Brad Crump explains, "Parties are a great way to get to know people and to loosen up a little!" Well, Hickory sure has the partiers and well known for it and as Christy Reuter says, "Partying is an important part of life, serious or fun.

As for the majority of the student body, this article is presented for more pleasure of reading and, whether you like it or not, this is a fact.

Here the teachers at H.H.S. express their opinions about their school during the 1985-86 Homecoming Assembly. It just goes to show that even teachers, odd as it may seem, can make mistakes too. In fact, they are allowed one mistake each quarter.

Tawana Williams
Marc Wilt
Bryant Wimbush
Denise Winkler
Scott Winkler

Amanda Witherspoon
Beth Witherspoon
Sean Witherspoon
Durwood Woosley
Ricky Workman

Heather Yarnall
Amanda Young
Angela Young
Catherine Young
Reggie Young

Jennifer Yount

We Scream For Ice Cream

On a hot sunny day, after track practice for Tina Christopher, and baseball for Garrett McAlister, they decided to go to Circus Hall of Cream for ice cream and shakes.

Chocolate, peanut butter, bubble gum, and New Orleans Praline. These are among the many flavors drooled over at the Circus Hall of Cream, Bresler's or Baskin Robbins. There will always be at least one devoted person to each flavor of ice cream.

Generally in Hickory, children love bubble gum best, teens love mint chocolate chip, and adults love strawberry. But there *are* eccentrics. Rocky road, tutti frutti, and blueberry cheese cake all have their share of followers.

Mr. Brackenhoff claims his favorite is still good old vanilla. Jeff Price likes cherry. Robby Roberts likes rocky road and Beth Thompson likes pralines and cream.

Maybe the best aspect of loving ice cream is still all the toppings that go with it; chocolate, caramel, marshmallow, pineapple, butterscotch, apple, and those little sprinkly things absolutely send the true ice cream lover into seventh heaven.

Sara Aiken — English — Freshman Class Sponsor. B.A. Salem College.

Penny Angel — B.S. Ball State University, M.A. Western Michigan University, Ed. S. University of Georgia, — Ph.D. — Assistant Principal.

Raymond Barrett — Science — B.S. Lenoir Rhyne College.

John Black — U. S. History Econ./Civics — B.S. in Education Comp., Social Studies Major, Ashland College.

Hal Boliek — Health and Physical Education. B.A. Lenior Rhyne College, M.A. Appalachian State University.

Gary Bowne — Biology and Physical Education — Northeast Missouri State, BSE Emporia University.

Robert Brackenhoff — Assistant Principal — Student Council. B.S. Campbell University, M.A. Ed. East Carolina University.

Sandra Breedlove — Home Economics — B.S. N. C. State University

Gayle Brinson — Spanish — East Carolina University

Teacher's Break

Even teachers need a break too. After putting up with students and teaching classes all day long. Teachers work just as hard as students do if not harder. Grading papers, making up a test for the next day and try to enforce school rules. On holidays, Christmas, Valentine's Day etc. Administrators wives decide that their poor tired husbands deserve a break. By fixing a spread of goodies for the school faculty, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Brackenhoff bring much needed cheer to the high school.

Bride and groom? No, it's just Mr. Brackenhoff getting some of the goodies made by Mrs. Brackenhoff on Valentines Day, before the rest of the faculty discovers it.

Thank you Mrs. Hefner!

Every once in a while, a person shows up who has the special kind of patience and genuine caring it takes to be a successful teacher. Mrs. Dorothy Hefner, retired this year, was such a person. She taught high school English in all grades for many years, helping those along who truly needed her.

During the 70's Mrs. Hefner played a key role in the organization of the HHS remedial reading program. Not only that but she spent countless afternoons (after 3:20) working with students tutoring them, and encouraging them to think and do their best. As if teaching were not enough to keep someone busy, Mrs. Hefner was also very much into building houses, that is, designing and decorating them. During the mountain fire crisis of 1985, her house in Burke county came dangerously close to destruction.

When Mrs. Hefner retired after the 1st semester, many of her students were sad to see her go. Alisa Gwaltney comments, "She cared. She tried to be really fair."

Mrs. Hefner instructs Shunda Littlejohn, a transfer from Newton-Conover, in English 2 on the finer points of reading a map.

Scottie Brittain — Foreign Language — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College

Nan Brown — Latin/German — A.B. Lenior Rhyne

Wayne Carlton — Vocational — B.S. Appalachian State University.

Jim Coble — Social Studies — B.S. Appalachian State University, M.A. Appalachian State University.

Melva Cooper — Guidance — B.A. Mars Hill College, M.Ed. University of Miami.

David Craft — Social Studies — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College.

Martha Cranfill — English — B.S. Greensboro College.

David Elder — Physical Education and Health — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College.

Jean Forbes — Director of Guidance — B.S. East Carolina University, M.A. Appalachian State University.

Lunch Rates "First"

The best all around lunch award was presented to Hickory High School by WROQ for the best lunch. The school staff is extremely grateful of this. The lunch staff gets a lot of credit, and should be because of the lunches. Some of the meals students favor the most are: salads, chocolate chip cookies, doughnuts, spaghetti, but the pizza is the most famous. Congratulations for the award, and thanks for a great job!

Admirably displaying their talent of cooking, the lunchroom staff is all smiles after receiving the first place lunch award presented by WROQ.

Jean Morris — Foreign Language — French Club, French Honor Society. B.A., M.A. The University of Iowa.

Claudia Nail — Math — B.S. Auburn University, M.S. Troy State University.

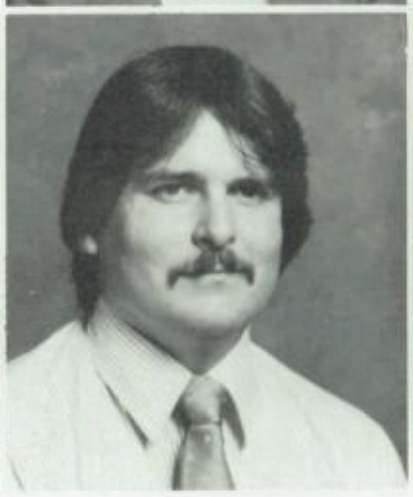
Laurie Newman — Health, P.E. — S.A.D.D., B.A. Elon College.

Allison Read — English — UNC, Chapel Hill, B.A.

Margie Rice — Science — B.S., B.A. East Carolina University.

Anita Roberts — Vocational — DECA, B.S. Appalachian State University.

Shelor Robin — Business — B.S., B.A. East Carolina University.



Dan Rockett — Vocational — CVTC.

Becky Smith — Media — B.S., M.A. Appalachian State University.

Observation!

Yes, even teachers will help if you ask. But don't count on them to answer questions on tests! Mrs. Moretz, a former teacher at North State Academy, is now at Hickory High teaching basic English, and economics/government. Mrs. Moretz taught English last year and is teaching it again this year, but has taken on a different subject, economics/government. Mrs. Moretz says she likes it, and enjoys working with the economic and government subjects.

Observing the previous night's homework is just one task that must be fulfilled by a teacher during each school day.

Carolyn Smith — Social Studies — B.A. Wake Forest University.

Elizabeth Smyre — Math — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College. M.A.T. Duke University.

Vivienne Stafford — Social Studies and Foreign Language — AFS, B.A. Lenior Rhyne College, M.A. Duke University.

Helen Steele — Math — B.S. Appalachian State University.

Patricia Stone — English — B.A. Atlantic Christian College, A.A. Sand Hill Community College, M.A. Community Education, Appalachian State University.

Al Stuckey — Vocational — VICA, B.S. Clemson University.

Tamara Verbiest — Art — B.S. Appalachian State University

Anita Waters — Music — B.M. Meredith College

Alice Watts — Math — Homeroom Representative, Quiz Bowl Team Coach, B.A. UNC Greensboro

Henry Williamson — Principal — B.S. Wilmington, M.S. East Carolina University, EDS East Carolina University

Office Aid Helps

Wow! A hectic year! For the office, this year was a big hassle. For one-half of the school year, the office had to get students for part-time help. Elizabeth Burleson stated, "My job is to answer the phone, take messages, and run errands." Mrs. Gadd, also a big part of this has been the bookkeeper for 23 years, but this year she had to be the bookkeeper and secretary at the same time when no part-time students helped. Mrs. Gadd enjoys her job, and students need to keep in mind if Mrs. Gadd was impatient, it's because she had to keep two jobs at the same time.

Mrs. Gadd, Hickory's office secretary, kept up with two jobs until students volunteered to help in the office due to lack of an employee.

Steve Frye — Math — B.S., M.A. Appalachian University.

Jenie Gragg — English — Drama Club, B.A. Lenior Rhyne College

Bonita Grinton — Media Services — B.S. Ed. Western Carolina.

Dorothy Hefner — English — FTA, B.A. Capital University, Ohio.

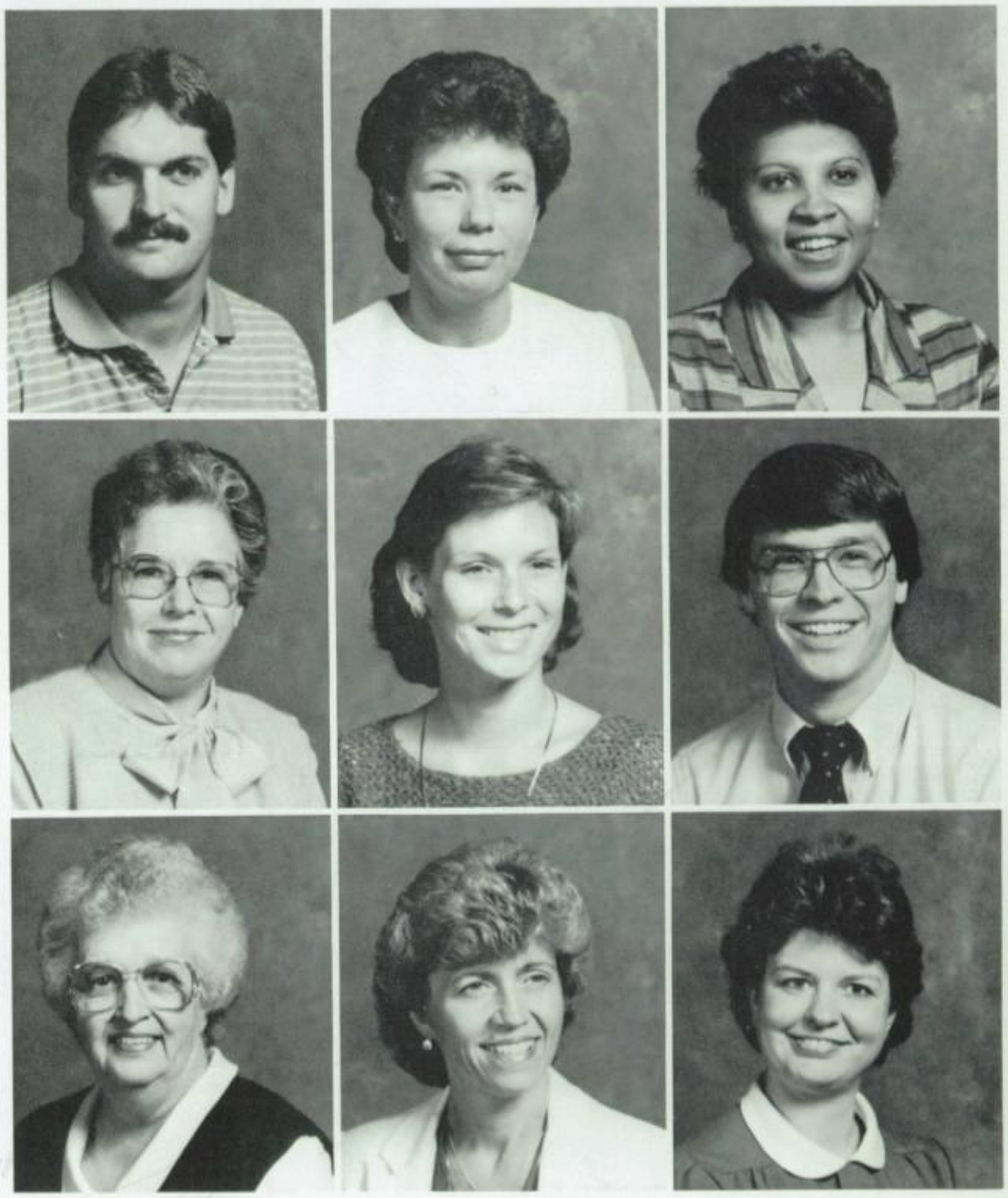
Susan Hines — Math — B.S. Appalachian University.

Troy Howard — Social Studies — FTA, History Club, B.A. UNC Chapel Hill.

Vivian Key — Science — B.S. Lenior Rhyne College.

Paulette Lael — Math — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College.

Judy Lafone — Math and Science for Exceptional Children — A.B. Lenior Rhyne College.



Katherine Lambert — English — Twig Advisor, B.A. Lenoir Rhyne College.

Charles Lutterloh — Physical Science and Human Systems, B.S. Lenior Rhyne College.

Mark Lyerly — Social Studies — B.A. Lenior Rhyne College.

Debbie Marsh — Social Studies — B.A. UNC Chapel Hill

Mary Mead — Science — B.A. Agnes Scott College

Joe Milstead — Vocational —

Patricia Moore — Guidance — B.A. North Carolina Central University, M. Ed. UNC Greensboro

Mary Moretz — History and Language Arts — A.B. L. R. College

Edith Morgan — Home Economics and Child Care, FHA. UNC Greensboro

Tardy or Late?

In Data Processing Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Fisher are in charge of your attendance. When you need to get out of school Mrs. Washburn states, "The requirements for leaving are: You either need a note from your parents, or one of your parents needs to call in." Every time students are absent, absence cards are kept in files the account for the date, time left, destination, and time for returning. If a student is absent almost to 15 days Mrs. Washburn's job is to call the students parents, and inform them that their student will fail if he/she misses 15 days, or more in a 9 weeks period. The use of the computerized attendancé with "bubble sheets" has been a big help, and save hours of the days with attendance. The teachers in the future will no longer need yellow slips with attendance because of the computers Mr. Brackenhoff our assist principal helped Mrs. Washburn, and Mrs. Fisher with learning how to use the computer for attendance.

Working in Data Processing includes filing and keeping up with students' excuses and absencies, is a hectic job for the two main workers, Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Fisher.

Jennifer Bigsby
Katie Bolick
Ashley Cater
David Daughton

Lydia Daughton
William Freeman
Leon Friday
Rebecca Fulbright

Kennedy Geitner
Alex Gwaltney
Missy Isenhour
Tiffany Matthews

Trying to get youngsters to take their daily naps is a difficult task. Here, Jill Yount hopelessly gives it her best shot.

During "play-time" not all childcare students constantly run; once in a while everyone must take a break.

Finally nap-time is over! Now it's time to once again get "playing" back into full swing.

THE "LITTLE" PEOPLE AT HHS

What would it be like to have 24 children? Five days a week, from 7:30 in the morning to 3:34 in the afternoon? A little hectic maybe? Well at least the responsibility does not fall on one person. There are five teachers and about thirty students enrolled in the child-care services class. 35 to 24, that's a fair ratio!

The "little people" eat lunch at 11:45, not to mention eating a morning and afternoon snack. According to Mrs. Morgan, "They go wild! Especially when we plan something different like a trip to the zoo. It can be hectic to say the least." But there is salvation! There is a daily nap time from 12:30 to 2:00. Of course active children can always use a little extra rest, although they'll deny it 'til they turn blue in the face. The children are fond of high-school students and are thrilled when they recognize one at the mall or at McDonald's.

Thanks to a well-staffed and well-equipped child-care department, it is not at all difficult to keep the "little ones" occupied. Mrs. Morgan says "It's very rewarding and I enjoy it. I'm always amazed at how much they learn."

Robbie Lyalls
Joseph Rudisill
Juliana Schmitt
Gabe Sloop

Daniel Smith
Graham Smith
Luke Stafford
Amanda Teague

Nathan Truesdale
Alex Turman
Meghan Wagoner
Adam Willis

Community

that figures

The students at Hickory High are not only the most important part of the school they are also a vital part of the Hickory community. Students are involved in many jobs around the area including sales, customer service, and vending. Their experiences in the business world are sure to help them in the future. Also, a variety of entertainment is available to the students such as the Community Center, movies, and restaurants. Further on the scholastic side, many clubs receive support from the community and are involved in local events. On the whole, Hickory teens add much to the community and they certainly benefit from it.

In Heritage Square, Kathryn's Garden Cafe provides a wide variety of excellent foods ranging from steak to sandwiches. For after the meal, anyone's sweet tooth can be satisfied by one of the delicious homemade desserts. Kathryn's moderate prices fit very well into the budget of Hickory High students.

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I didn't get very far.

I saw something that caught my eye
(Some glitter in a shop)
I happened to have a little change.
I know I'm glad I stopped.

Later on I went back home
To try to hit the books,
But MTV was on the tube —
I had to take a look.

Two hours later I tried again.
I couldn't even start
All my pens had disappeared
I lost my periodic chart.

Now it's 1:15 A.M.
Maybe soon I'll do it,
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Tomorrow I'll get to it.

Christy Hunsicker '87

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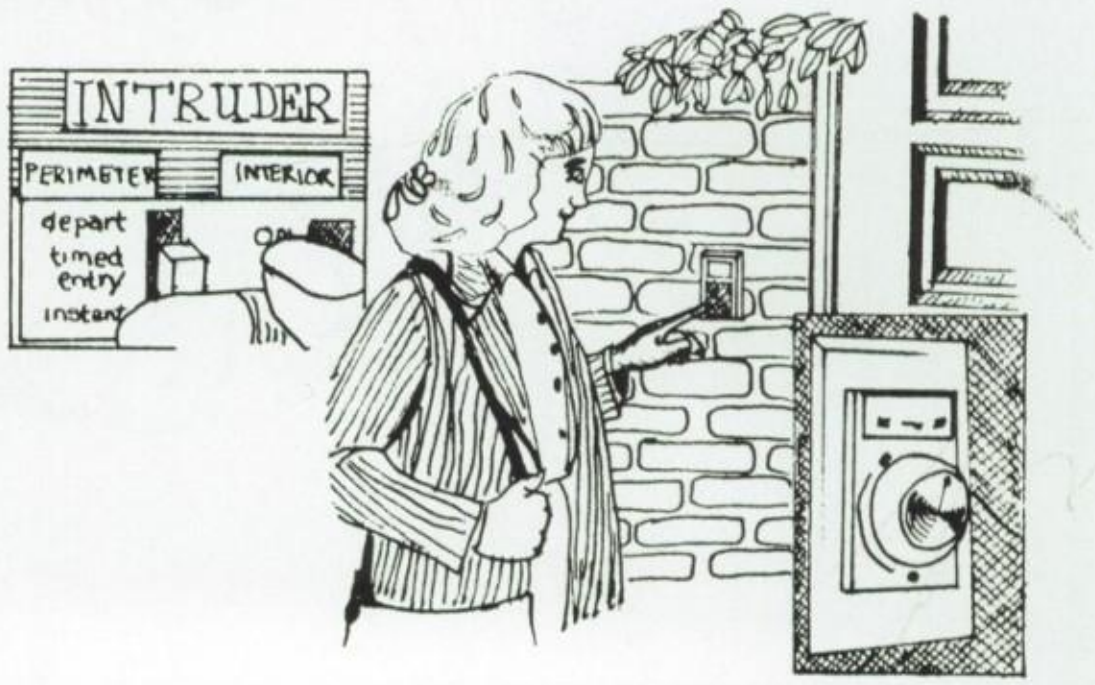

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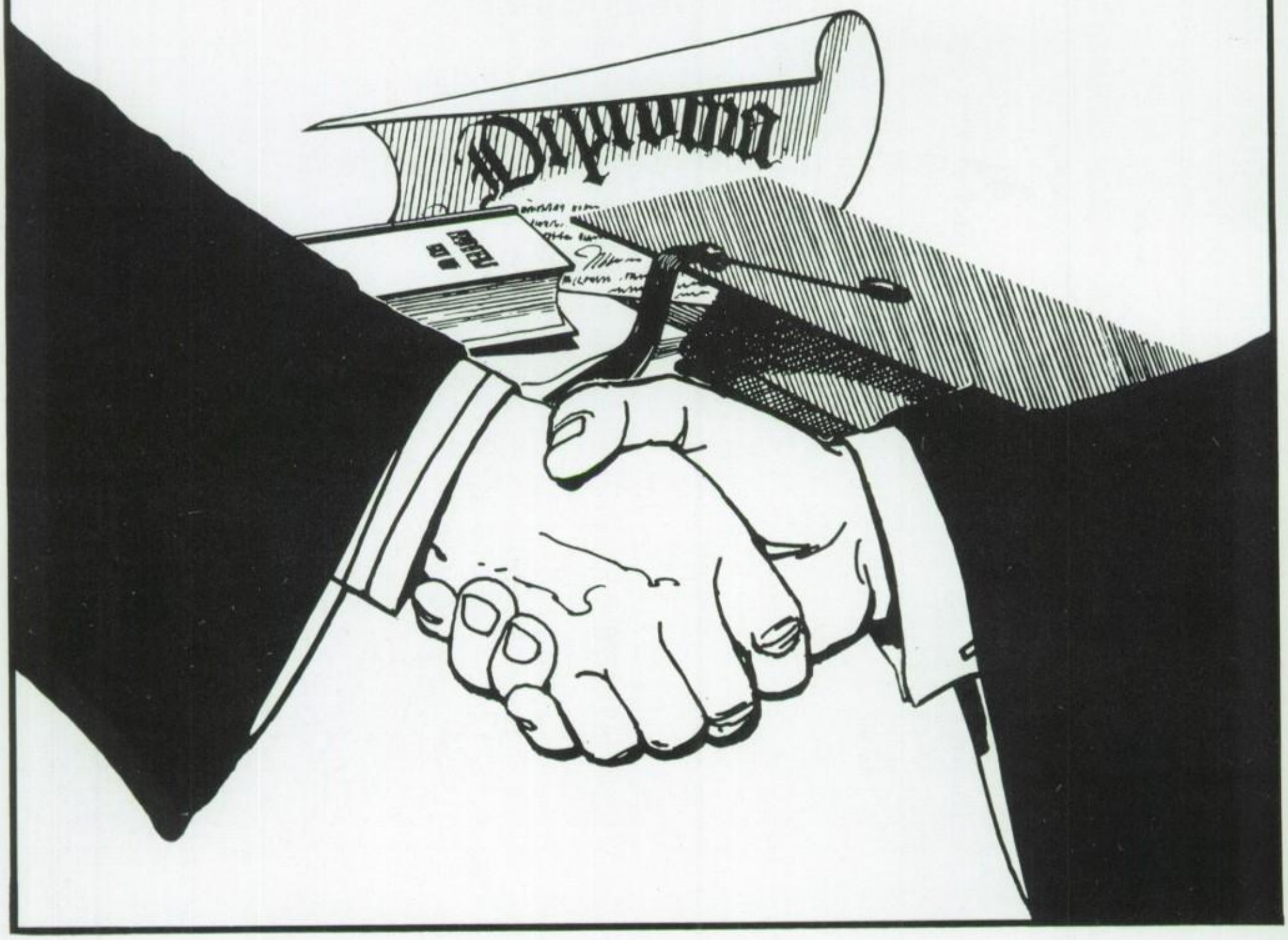

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No longer a child, yes I now know
That there is love, forever unshown
I look for a sign from up above
To let me know I'm worthy of
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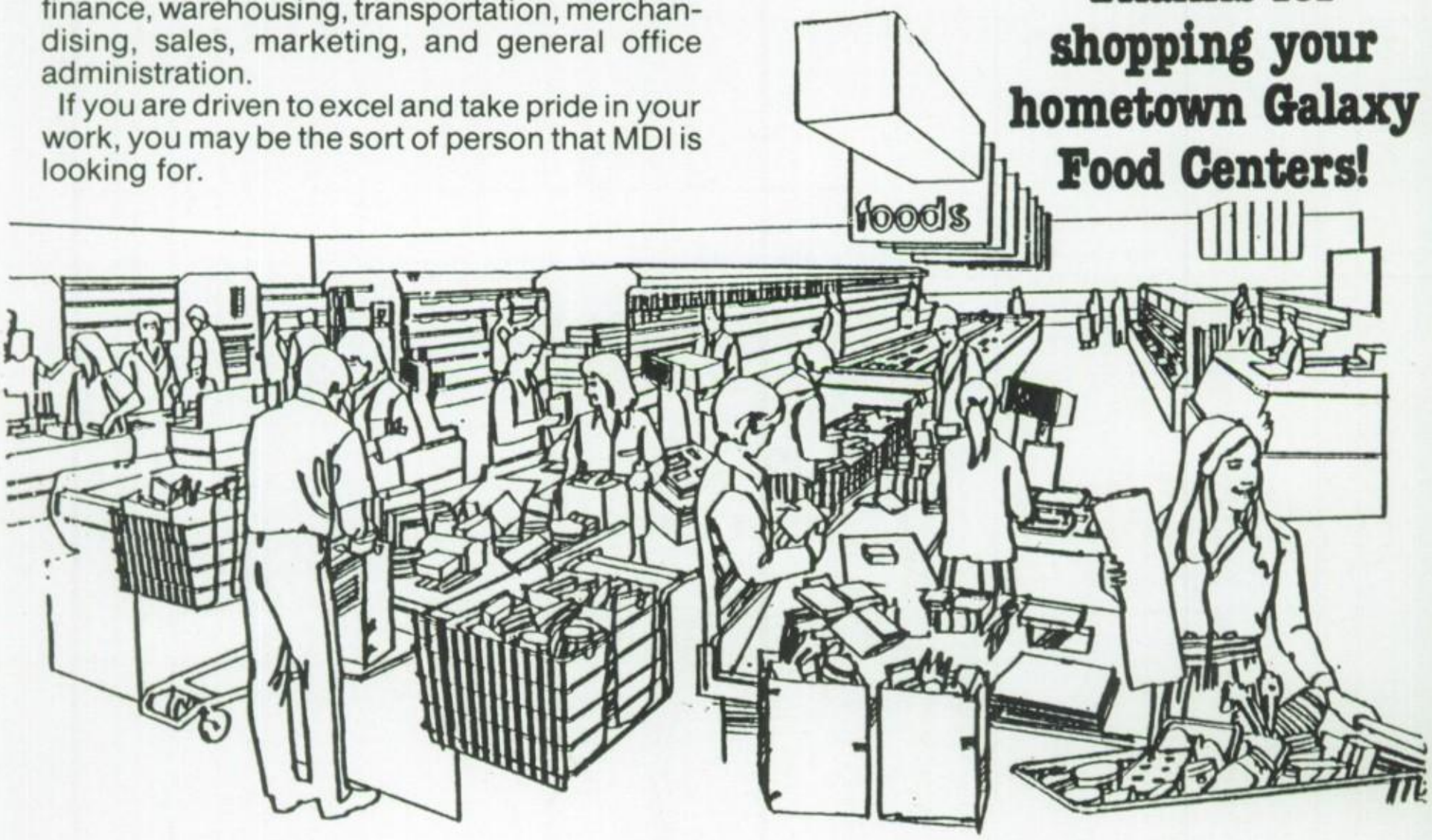

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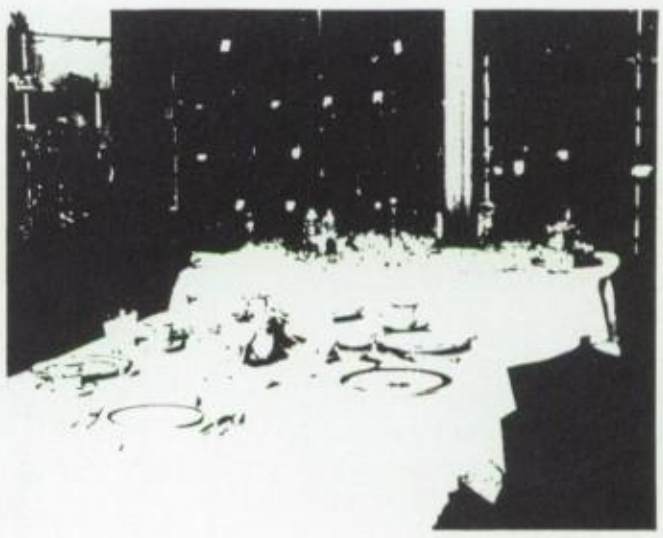

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Band Awards:
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Director's Award ..... Elizabeth Cobb
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Senior Music Awards ..... Tom Beckom, Addie Bradshaw, Bryant Corpening, Stewart Corpening, Gene Hewitt, Faye Ikard, Delane Jennings, Lisa Sebastian, Eileen Thomas

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The National School Orchestra Award ..... David Jennings
Senior Musicianship Award ..... Amy Browder
Senior Leadership Award ..... Glenn Roseman

Art Awards
Art I Awards ..... Nicole Dutton, Kris Setzer
Art II Award ..... Tracey Field
Art III Award ..... Ann Thomas
Art IV Award ..... Lee McRary
Drawing Awards ..... Min Kim, Hiep Vo, Alex Walle

English Medal ..... Kim A. Huffman

Journalism Award ..... Kathy Burger

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Best Thespians ..... Molly Bass, John Trainer
Most Dedicated Thespian ..... Kim Stinson
Best Technical Contribution ..... David Baker
Best Playwright ..... Molly Bass

Science Award ..... Kent Kercher

Foreign Language Awards
French I Awards ..... David Styers, Kim Avetta
French II Award ..... Erin Mahan
French III Award ..... Heather Deal
French IV Award ..... Andrea Towery
French Honor Society Academic Scholarship ..... Deanna Carter

Latin I Awards ..... Patrick Burnside, Leah Petree, Lori Petree
Latin II Award ..... Chris Lyerly

Spanish I Awards ..... Kim Burns, Lori Dial
Spanish II Awards ..... David Barringer, Lisa Ellis, Gil Capps, Kelly Corbett
Spanish III, IV Award ..... Vivia Killian

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Collins and Aikman Academic Achievement Award ..... Kim A. Huffman
Loree Cilley Memorial Award ..... Andrea Towery
Thomas Penn Memorial Award ..... Vivia Killian
North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Award ..... Kent Kercher

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Harriet S. Cornwell Memorial Award ..... Kim A. Huffman

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Advanced Accounting Award ..... Todd Turnbill
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Hickory Daily Record Perfect Attendance Award ..... Wesley Powell
Peer Counseling Certificates ..... Lemont Williamson, Mike Craft, John Camp
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award ..... Beth Kim
Certificate of Merit for National Achievement in Creative Writing ..... Molly Bass
Erskine College Fellow ..... Merrill Fowler
Youth Leadership Award ..... Kim S. Huffman
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists ..... Reid Britt, Kim A. Huffman, David Shirley
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Morehead Scholarship ..... Kim A. Huffman
Gamma Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship ..... Vanessa James
Davidson College Scholar ..... Vanessa James
Harvard Prize Book ..... Katie McDowell
Xi Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarships .....
Eulanda Campbell, Tammy Clemons, Leslie Conley, Regina Dula, Angela Saddler, Felicia Suddreth
Hickory Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship ..... Lisa Fuller

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R. F. Smith, III Memorial Award ..... Caroline Walker

Student of the Year ..... Mary Gettys (Molly) Bass

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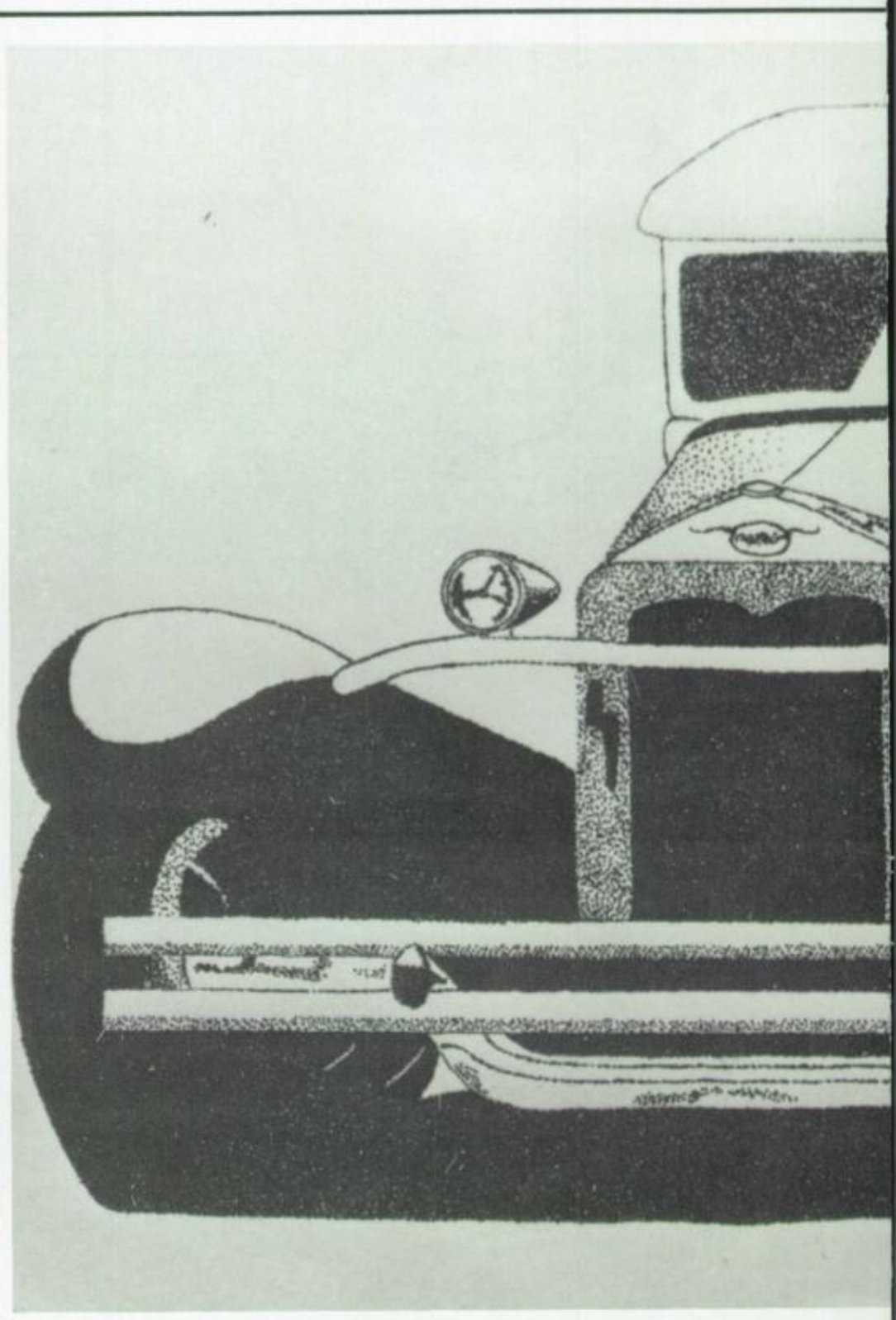
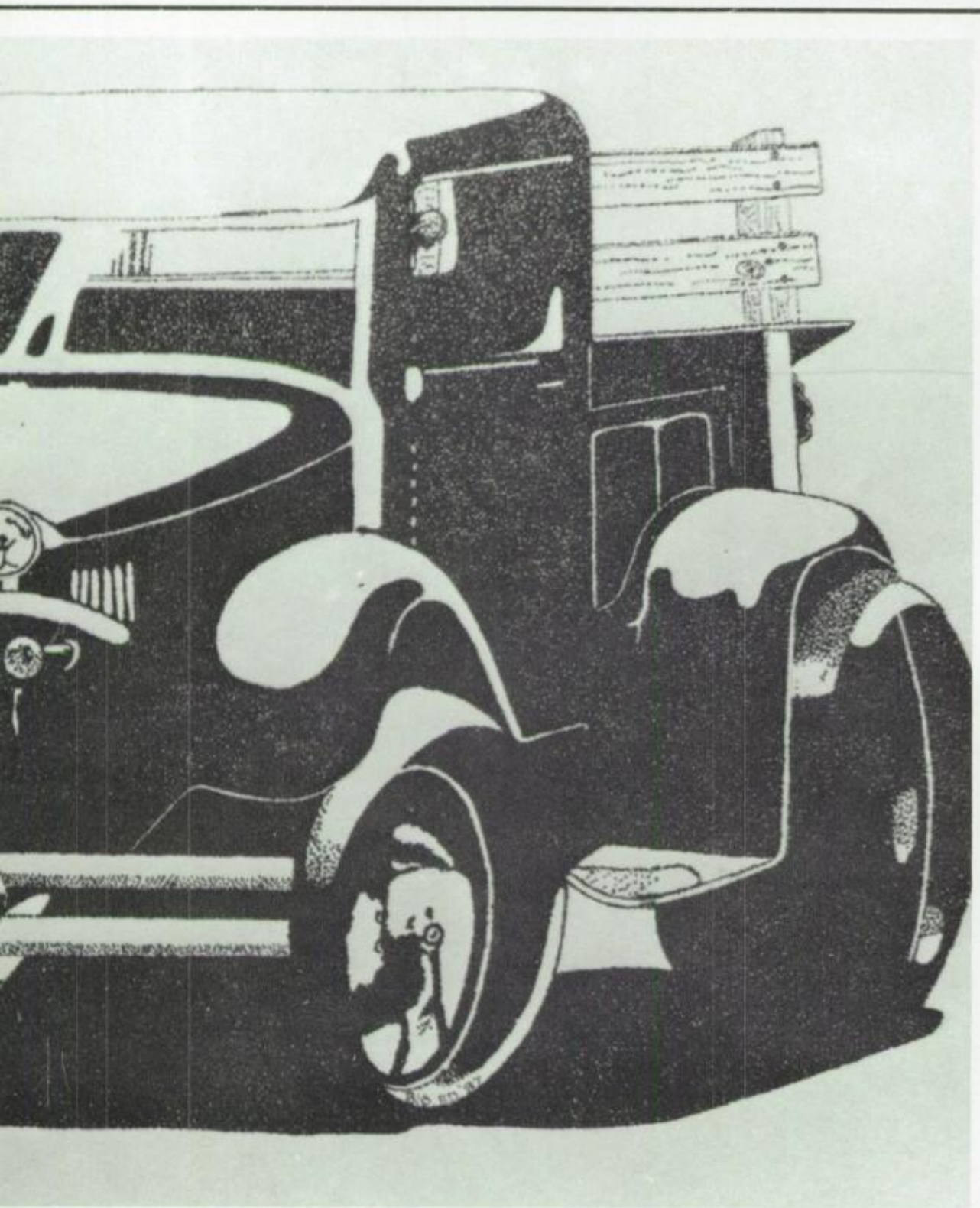




Three months of pointilism art. Eddie Salyard used two months in school and one month at home completing the old truck. The picture won first place at the Hickory Museum of Art. The favorite subject of Eddie's art is automobiles, he had just finished another sketch of a small sports car when he was interviewed.

Epitaphs For the Live and Well?

Dion Santi

Here lies my fatigued shell. It shall rest forever. It has sewed my teenage life honorable. My only regret is that life was so short. Special thanks to a grill of a tractor trailor, I shall find the answers to all my questions.

Eric J. Lutz

1969-2059

When I was but a few years old
I was comparable to all of the others.
But things changed.
I rose to be heads above the rest.
And that is meant literally.
I could not help I was tall.
Not that being tall is bad.
But to everyone I was tall,
Nothing more, just tall.
But now as I lie in my grave,
I am much more than just tall.

Linda Kathanne Nichols

1969-2058

Here I lie in a heap
I died while I was asleep.
My life was full of ups and downs
    I was
So full of noise without a sound.
And you that pass with little care,
Who walk away and leave me here,
Should not forget that you must die.
And be intombed as well as I.

James Winams Pfefferkorn II

Nov. 11, 1968

Buckle up.

If you *must* speed, sing loudly
  with zeal at the wheel . . .
at 45 mph . . . "God will take
    care of you."
at 55 mph . . . "Guide me, O Thou
    Great Jehovah."
at 65 mph . . . "Nearer, my God, to
    thee."
at 75 mph . . . "Nearer, Still nearer!"
at 85 mph . . . "This world is not
    my home."
at 95 mph . . . "Lord, I'm coming home."
over 100 mph . . . "Precious Memories."

Jennifer Estes

Apr. 22, 1970 — Dec. 31, 1999

Raised in a house built of love
I led a very happy life.
Introverted, Self-confident,
  yet caring
I was independent in every strife.

The only thing I'd like you to
  remember
Is that at least I always did
  try;
to care, be patient, and under-
  stand,
Be a shoulder when you need to
  cry.
At the young age of 29,
Jennifer died of an excess
  of having fun.

Doug Sigmon

Feb 2, 1969 — Dec. 31, 2054

Here I lay, resting in Peace.
The world was there to take,
  so I took.
Dreams were lived out, fulfilled,
  and sometimes shattered.
Smiling, laughing, solemn, or
  crying,
    I achieved.
So many places to see and things
  to do that I went where I
Wanted and did what I wanted
  to do, tasting whatever
Was in life's path
I made my way in life as I saw
  fit and now I'm truly
Home, resting in Peace.

THE FOG

The low gray flannel fog of winter
Closed Hickory, NC from the sky and from the rest of the world.
On every side it sat like a lid on a Dutch pot that made
Hickory a closed door.
On the other side of the hills across the creeks,
The orange fields seemed to be washed in pale, cold sunshine;
But there was no sunshine in Hickory now in October.
The thin pine needles and leaves scraped along the creeks with
Green and brownish leaves.
It was a time for watching and listening.

Marcus Harshaw
Senior Class of '86

Epitaph to My Youth

Now there is peace
The fighting is over
Battles Cease

The turmoil of conscience
Clashing with mind
Laid down the rules
Harsh and unkind

Surrounded by the influence
Of everyone else
Trying to maintain
The self in myself

Facing situations
Trying to please everyone
Realizing failure
Feeling damage done

Hear me begging
Oh, Lord I pray
Let there be peace
For me someday

Somehow right
Is not right anymore
And when bad is good
It eats at my core

Reaching out to a world
A world unknown
Giving of myself
A love unshown

And deception throws it
Right back in my face
My heart feels the pain
And my brain hates their place

But now I take
The hopes and fears
Smiles and tears
And lay them down

Peaee, Peace
Peace is the plan
Dead is the boy
Alive is the man

—Bert Young
Class of '87

"Good-bye"

I gripped her hand tightly
as the waves lapped at my feet.
The surf pounded on the jettys;
the salt spray filled the air.
The seagulls cried an angel's song.
The sunset bloodied the sky.
"Good-bye" I whispered and left this
world.
The ambulance drove off into the
ghetto night.

John Trainer
Class of '87

Burt's and John's poems taken from Excursions.

Here I Stand

Here I stand
At the very bounderies
Of the end of my world
Peering out on their civilization
Lowly and feeble.
If only they had heeded my warning
This barren wasteland
Would still appear as
A lovely, redwood forest.
But my silent cry from
The outer universe
Was reflected from their sound-
proofed ears.
I could only witness
The destruction of their fair world.
These powerful and destructive
people have
Vanished from the planet's face
To a place they cannot control.
The hatred and fear
Have been replaced by a glorious
peacefulness
At the expense
Of a defenseless planet.

by Christy Rueter
Class of '88

A Look At Life

"Life is full of treasures,
But there aren't many maps."

Saying by Diana Schaedle
Class of '87

Along The Trails . . .

Along the Trails . . .
A walk along a mountain trail,
Brings so many memories.
Memories of peace and happiness,
And even great grandpa's tall tales.

A walk along a mountain trail.
Can bring about many questions.
Questions about birds and trees,
And even the bugs on the ground.

A walk along a mountain trail,
Can be a time of relaxing.
Relaxing and time to think,
About all God's creations.

A walk along a mountain trail,
Brings about beautiful ideas.
Ideas of love, beauty, and wisdom,
That God created in us.

A walk along a mountain trail,
Enables us to think more clearly.
To think clearly of our jobs,
And our many great responsibilities.

A walk along a mountain trail,
Can enable you to make a friend.
Whether it be an animal or a peer,

You can become closer to each other.

A walk along a mountain trail,
Enables you to make an everlasting
friend.
A friend that knows you,
And helps you along the way.

The trails of God's love,
Are always there for us.
A trail that helps us know,
That we are all God's children
in all sizes of snow.

The first step is the hardest to take,
But after that it is easy to make.
The make of a mountain trail,
That guides us through the direction
we take.

Sabrina Hicks, Class of '88

May 2, 1986

By Kimberly C. Stinson

Yes, I walk against the wind.
I run against the wind.
I play against the wind.
I Live against the wind.
The Wind — my foe.
Sometimes my friend?

Perhaps — sometimes
How do I know?
What is right? Yes — no.
Against? With? the wind.
Wind — walk, run, play,
Live.

What is a Poem

What is a poem, that which is words
It's written in refined language
and may include birds
A poem should be sweet and elegant
But it can also be crude and blunt
He who writes a poem could be
Trapped in immortality
And since he wrote what he begotten
He shall never be forgotten.

by Milan Sampat
Class of '86

Most Times I am Happy

Most times I am happy
But when I feel blue,
I just bring myself up
With warm thoughts of you.

Your touch is so loving
It softens my heart,
I long for you always
When we are apart.

Your eyes have the power
To melt me inside,
They show me your feelings,
The love you can't hide.

Your kiss is terrific,
Each one like the first,
It tells me you love me
When times are the worst.

With your arms around me
I feel so secure
So when all else is lost,
Your embrace reassures.

So when I feel lonely,
Or life gets too blue,
I just bring myself up
By thinking of you.

Ginny Smith
Class of '87

Little Storms

Rain beating upon my window,
Fallen tears clinging for support.
Wind raging, recklessly playing
games among the trees.
Thunder releasing its anger,
shaking the mighty heavens.
Lightening brilliantly piercing
the vast emptiness of the velvety
blackness.
So much like the little storms
We fight inside us all.
And we must wait till they
Subside, till the sun shines
once more, again lighting
Our passage of life.

Amy Shepler
Class of '88

Winter

Sleighs, skis, mistletoe
Hymns of praise and frosty days
Gently falling snow.

Trust

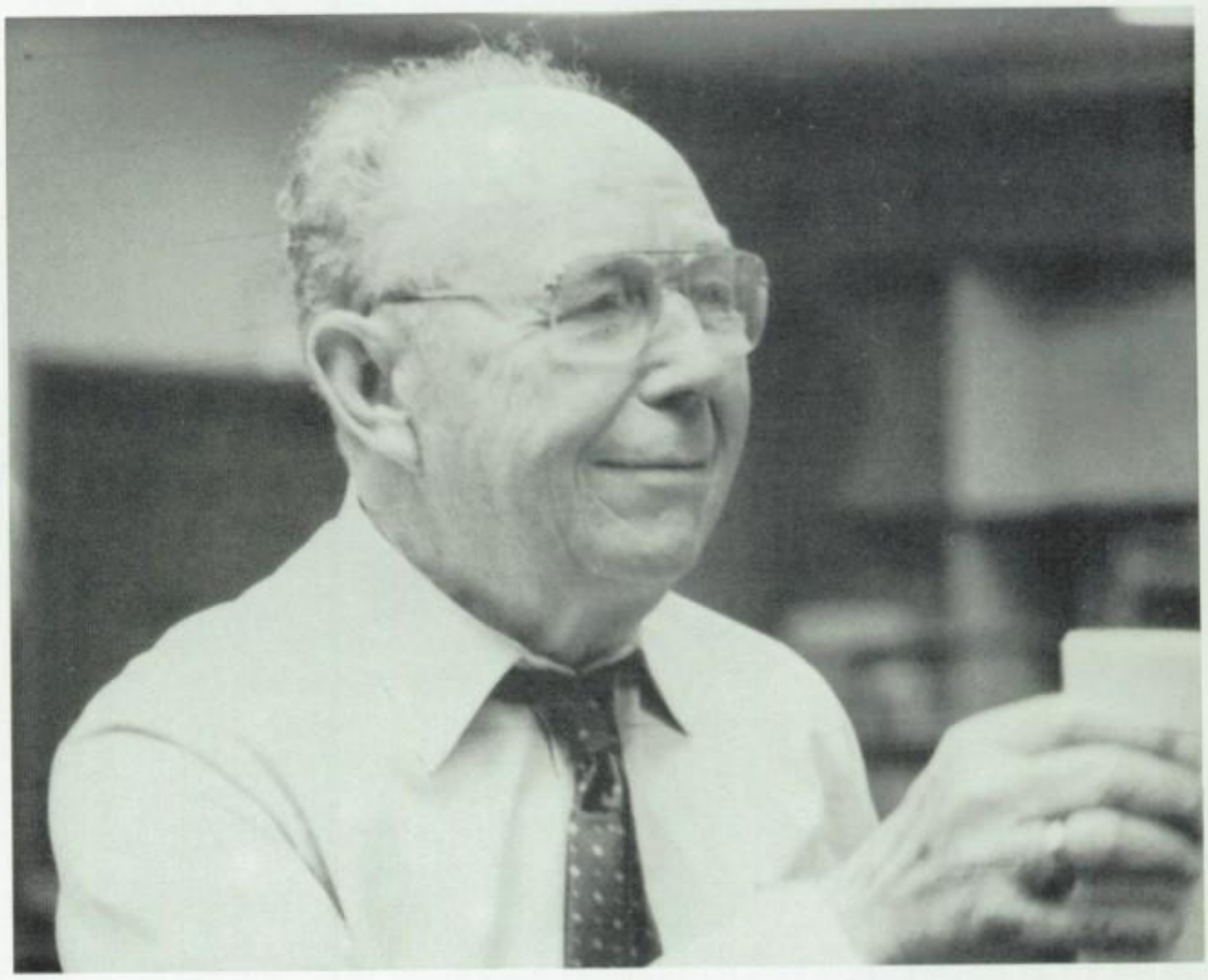
To give oneself
Room to open
Up because
Silence of heart
Torments the soul

Death

Doomsday to some.
Escape for cowards. Me,
A new life
Together in
Heaven.

A collection of poems
Submitted by Min Kim class of '87

IN THE "LIGHT" of "DOC" EDGERTON



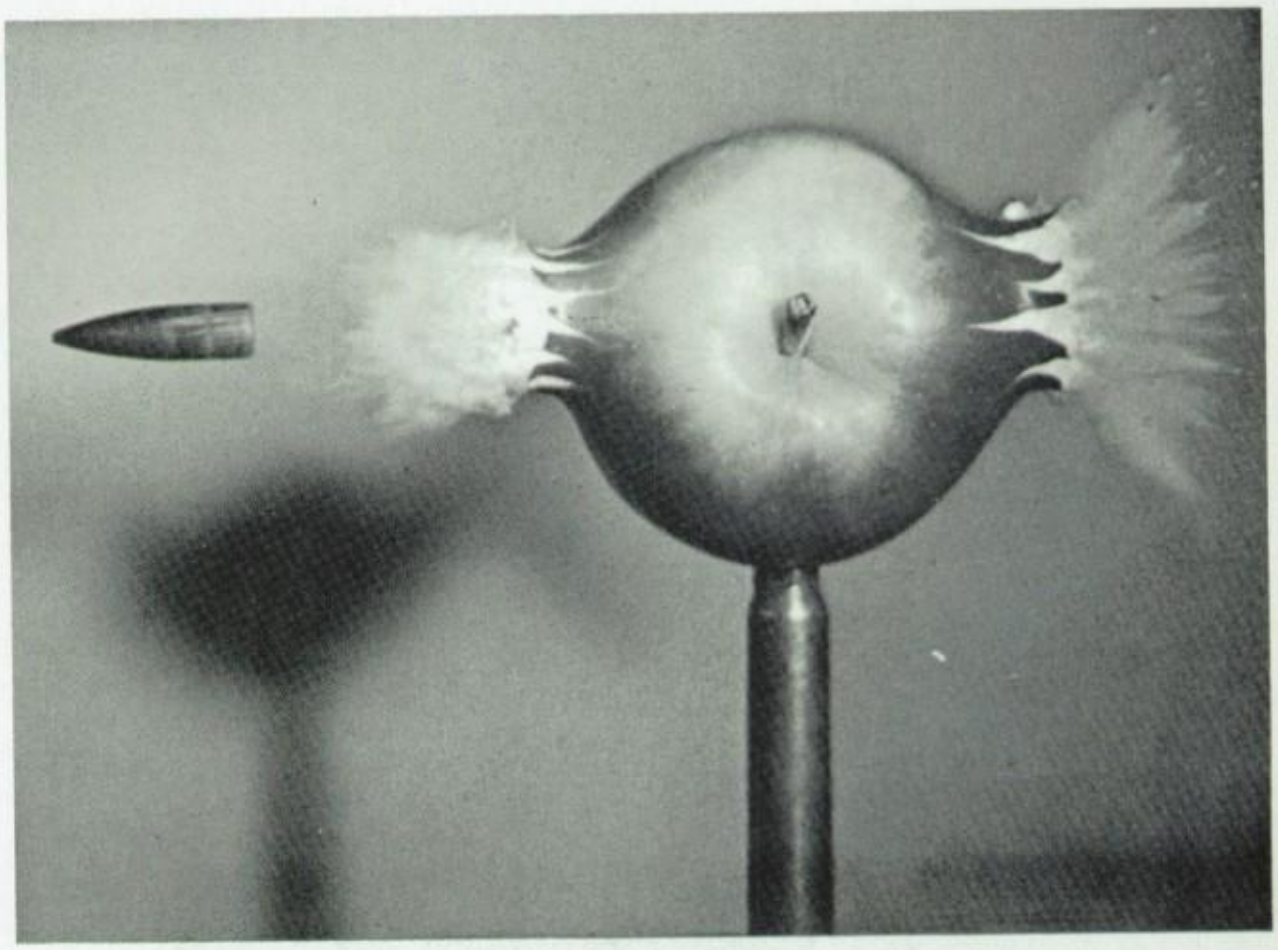
Cheers to Hickory High, Dr. Harold Edgerton visited the drama room and presented a slide show, a film, and a hands-on demonstration of his inventions.

Most people think that Superman is the only one who can stop bullets . . . but one other man can. Harold "Doc" Edgerton, a science engineer at MIT's Strobe Alley, stops bullets at the flash of a light. Just as a bullet puts a hole through an apple, the light flashes and the image of Edgerton's "applesauce machine" is caught forever. "Doc" Edgerton is the inventor of the equipment that makes the flash of light. The Strobe light now comes in many sizes and forms, ranging from camera flashes to big military sky lights Some of Edgerton's sky lights were used in WWII to keep an eye on the movements of the Russians. Edgerton has also contributed to science by putting microscopic organisms on film and making a shadow image of the creatures. Underwater pictures of the ocean and lakes have also been taken with an underwater camera and light (the light invented by Edgerton.)

"Doc" Edgerton visited Hickory High in April and was made an official Red Tornado when he was given a tornado cup and sun visor. He gave the school a picture of a bullet going through an apple; a very famous image created by him.

A slide show, a film, and a hands-on demonstration kept the interest of the students of second period science classes. The mind of Edgerton can take something that people see every day and turn it into a work of art.

Harold "Doc" Edgerton is a man of great imagination and inventions, many thanks for his appearance.



The applesauce Machine! A 30 caliber bullet is stopped in mid-air at the speed of 2800′ per second (too fast for the human eye to see). "Doc" Edgerton, however, stops time with his microsecond flash. A larger version is displayed in the library.

Science teacher Mrs. V. Key talks with Dr. Edgerton after his speech. He gave students in 2nd period science classes a very memorable presentation.

Photography . . . A Permanent Memory

A natural (or metallic) frame centers the main point of view that the photographer wants to capture. The picture is taken behind the fence showing the views of the parents and fans.

Photography . . . capturing a special moment, creating a certain image, and printing it on paper that will last forever. Quick snapshots with an automatic camera or concentration on light and depth of field with a manual 35mm camera. Pictures can be for a memory in time or it can be created to become a work of art. An expression of pain or glory can be focused on to get the true feeling of an athlete. Being a photographer takes patience and equipment. Lenses, filters, and flashes are a major part of the supplies needed. To bring objects closer or widen the range of focus takes different lenses with special features. Different color filters take out certain colors or put them in. One special filter keeps the fluorescent lights out in order to produce a clear picture. Flashes add light where light is needed. Special equipment in the darkroom can enlarge images so that the picture can be framed or to examine microscopic organisms for science. The speed of the shutter can capture a speeding object, that would ordinarily be blurry, and make it freeze on film.

Cameras come in many different brands and firms from the Kodak one-step to the Nikon, Pentax, Cannon, Mimaya manual 35mm camera. The special options on the camera depend on the photographer and the seriousness of his hobby. Picture taking can be for personal memories or for a professional job; either way, photography brings time to a halt so that we can see life that will never pass in the same time again.

The new Stephen Derr, an image brought out of the page by Tracy Graham. The adventure of Three Dimensions is explored by Tracy to produce an "outstanding" picture.

Think About It.

Wake Up

Can't you see what's going on?
Open your eyes take a good look.
Your visions is clouded with fantastic
romance.
You cannot survive.
Judgement must be clear.
Face the facts and grow up
You can't be a child forever.
People will kick you when you're down,
they'll use you as a parasite would.
Unless you stand your ground.
And fight for what you believe.
My child, wake up, you have many
a trouble to face.
Hold your head high, but know your lim-
its.
Always dare to venture one step beyond.
Wake up to the world and accept it.
So that you may live with inner peace.

By Erica Sides.

David Blais

The Werewolf

Picture by Tabitha Cunningham

It was dark and also dreary
I was walking tired and weary
and I was walking home alone
in the path the full moon shone.
It was bright with a silver hue
like that of Paris on a rue
But while I was walking down the street
I heard a sound of moving feet
I was gradually walking faster, thinking of disaster.
I then remembered the old man say
"Beware the full moon, go home straight away!"
But I a brash and disobedient kind
Did walk late without my mind,
He told me of the werewolves in the past
How some people walked their last
I heard a growl that stopped my thought
I ran and ran for the fear of being caught
I tripped and fell, and heard a knell
At the church a distant bell.

For yesterday a man lay dead
For his body missed his head.
Blood and gore was everywhere
It made those sick who chose to stare.
The preacher said the Devil's loose
Find the imp, and hang the noose
The preacher, he was a fierce man
Said all people would be damned.
He had a fierce gleam in his eye
which I would not dare defy
I got up and galloped on
like a wounded limping fawn
When I had finally reached the church
This holy place had ended my search
To my amazement I saw the light
It did so ease my fright
Since I knew I was part of God's chosen people
That wicked, blasphemous creature dare not enter the steeple.
I did in short enter the building
Trying to find some reasonable shielding.
I did walk to the pathway dumbfounded
But as I approached nearer I was astounded.
The preacher was praying with his back turned
He turned around and then I burned
Instead of a man in a black and white collar
There stood a wolf, I tried to holler
But instead I let out a muffled cry
Only because I know I shall die.
He came to me with his heavy breath
That foul, hot smell was that of death.
He put his bloody mouth on my neck
And ripped my throat out with a peck.
I felt my heart stop with a blink
And into the darkness I sink
But before I did I closed my eyes
I saw the old man say with sighs.
"Even a man who's pure of heart
and says his prayers at night,
may become a wolf when the
wolf bane blooms and the moon
is full and bright."

Milan Sampat
Senior Class of 86

SATIRE

Even with the threat of terrorists, parents, or little things that irritate people at the wrong time, there is always a little humor that can be brought out. Some students took a different look at problems and nuisances of the modern world in which we live today. To express their views, the writers used "SATIRE" (the mimicing of a tough situation). Many of these inputs are everyday bothers, yet some are world-wide problems. Whatever the topic, good or bad, remember that sometimes it helps to laugh!

Sometimes it helps

"Help Mankind-Support Nuclear War"

Doesn't every know
How much fun nuclear war can be?
I blow away you.
You blow away me.
Think of the money
That we can make,
Producing weapons and uniforms
For our soldiers' sakes.
We can all profit
From this one little fight.
It's worth it to provide ourselves
With such a handy light.
We'll no longer worry
About lights for the streets or the park.
It won't be necessary
Because we'll all glow in the dark.
A nuclear bomb is like
A gigantic power station.
One little war can make
Us an "energized" nation.
This way to conserve man-made energy
Will make the world rave.
Just think of the electricity
We will save!
So help give mankind
That healthy, radiant glow.
Come on superpowers
And let your bombs blow.
Go ahead Mr. President
Don't be a power glutton.
Help your poor people.
Push that shiny red buttom.

by Jenny Lutz

Sophomore '86

Terrorism

It is time for a change;
Even I must admit that.

Extraordinary as it may seem,
I could handle
The occasional subway hijackings
And the new Wendy's commercial
Which just happens to say, "Where's the bomb?"
But the United Nation's proclamation
That all citizens here and abroad
Should buy bullet-proof vests
And have portable oxygen tanks at all times
Was beyond me.

The new "terrorist attack" drills at school
Are top rate fun,
Especially
When we get M-16 squirt guns
To use
For target practice
On leftist guerilla dummies
And our deadliest weapons,
Apples from the school cafeteria,
To protect our impenetrable fortress
From attacks by Shiite muslims.

The newest course added to our school curriculum
Is "How to speak Libyan in 3 weeks,"
In which
Each student is handed a Uzi shotgun,
Taught the gunman's stance,
And shoves the barrel
down the teacher's throat
Screaming, "Stick 'em up sucker!"
Needless to say,
The most popular class at school.

Contrary to popular belief,
The travel industry has gone
Unscarred by this new national pasttime.
When buying an airplane ticket
For my flight to Egypt next week,
The stewardess questioned casually,
"Tourist or Terrorist?"
Considering that I was shaken
By the unconcern of the aviators
I would by flying with,
My fears were doubled,
Maybe tripled,
When I learned of the ejectable plane seats.
These provided the passenger
With reassurance,
And in the case
That an unfriendly leftist gunman
Should suddenly appear on the plane,
A bird's eye view of the gorgeous landscape.
And for the terrorist,
A free, self-instructed pilot's lesson.

But don't get me wrong.
There are a number of very useful items
Available on the market these days.
My favorite
Is the bullet-proof inflatable dingy
Complete with telephone, change of clothes,
Drink machine, and luxury toilet,
In case your local YMCA
Is hijacked in the middle
Of your weekly swimming lesson.
Another biggy
On the Christmas list
Is the inflatable bodyguard
Which comes in the form of many personalities
Including
Hulk Hogan, Mr. T, the Regrigerator, and Rambo.
(The dummy of President Reagan was taken
Off the shelves when it was discovered
That he ran from
Threatening looking ants.)

Just a couple of weeks ago,
Congress passed a new law,
Observed nation-wide,
Which gives workers half an hour
Off work each day
For "National TV Time"
So they can watch G.I. Joe.
This show has done miracles
For the patriotism of America.

What is to become of a country
Who relies on exploding icecubes for protection?
(Very helpful when a terrorist
Wanders into your house.

HINT: Label the exploding ones so you can tell them — Apart from the "real" thing!

Are we doomed to rely on inventions To save us from danger?

It's time for a change.

by Christy Rueter

Sophomore '86

to laugh!

Tell-a-phone

Isn't it awful, the energy expended on such things as telephones?

Manual dials are already obsolete. I wonder if it takes too long to dial them or if they were just to hazardous to long fingernails.

Now there are touchtones. For the more sophisticated crowd, re-dial buttons are available. The phones may dial any one of eleven phone numbers at the touch of one button. "Reaching out to touch someone" is right at the fingertips.

Let's not leave out call forwarding. It is now possible to receive a call at any number programmed into call forwarding. But this poses a problem. What if a call comes in for someone by call forwarding when someone is already somewhere else? Call forwarding just allows people to wait by other people's phones for that important call. People don't need call forwarding; they need beepers.

Another telephone feature that plagues the public is call waiting. The forerunner of call waiting is the infamous red hold button. Along with the discomfort of being put on hold come the nasty secretaries who answer the phone, "Hello. No, I'm sorry. He's not here. Mr. Carlysle will be back in a half an hour. Hold please! Have a nice day!" CLICK. The only thing left to do is hang up and try again tomorrow.

As for call waiting itself, no longer does the inconvenience of missing phone calls interefere with idle telephone chatter. The main bother is having the person on the other end cry, "Hang on!" CLICK. It has been scientifically proven there is another dimension between talking with someone on the phone and the dial tone. Sometimes elevator music echos in the earpiece. People stuck on call waiting want to hang up but are afraid the person on the other end will come back on the line and be hyponotized by the dial tone.

Telephone answering machines are next on my hit list. It's embarrassing to talk to telephone recorders because being recorded creates temendous selfconsciousness. Voices on the machines seem so bland. The first line begins, "Hello." Then there is a short period of time for the caller to start talking mistakenly believing someone is home and to become embarrassed when they realize no one is there. The recording continues, "This is the home of Teri, David, and Heather Deal. We are unable to come to the phone at this time." How obvious can that be? "If you will leave you name and number at the sound of the tone, we will get back to you." Half the people will hang up before the "beep." The rest will either sigh loudly into the phone and slam down the phone in order to relate their distress or leave a message. Chances are that half of the messages will be unimportant or bad news, while the other half are practical jokes.

The recordings that say things such as, "The number you have reached is no longer in service. Please try again or seek directory assistance," are pests. However, an acquaintance of mine used to vent her hostilities by calling out-of-order numbers and arguing with them.

A frequent source of irritation is operators. Operators know how to create a sense of paranoia and feelings of inadequacy. A very philosophical question is, "Have you ever wondered if operators listen in on phone calls?" They must. If they are human, they must. That's how the *Enquirer* gets most of its *news.* Maybe operators are actually communist spies. They sound like they're speaking a foreign language when the say, "Hello, may I help you?" Area code, please. Number. Who is calling? Thank you for calling Centel." It's not their pronunciation. It's the fact that they can say all that in eight seconds flat on a slow day. An operator's speech is so nasal one would think they are either having a sinus attack or were raised in New England.

As far as cordless phones are concerned, people may as well use walkie-talkies. It grows tiresome to hear over and over, "Guess where I am?"

I guess the stable alternative is our tried and true United States Postal Service.

by Heather Deal

Sophomore '86

Upon the Dust Came Nothing More

Upon the dust came nothing more
since the mushroom cloud we bore
The Russians and Americans,
pushed the buttom, thought they won
The ancestors of eons past saw the
earth go with a blast
And he who thought life was sweet
was redfrghjkolece of burning meat.

by Milan Sampat

Senior Class of 1986

THE Age Of ART

A lioness is captured in time by Senior Alex Walle.

Art starts in the home, art starts in school, still there are artists who believe art begins in only one place . . . the mind. Drawings, paintings, and crafts all have a place in society, whether on a book cover, side of a building, or in a music video. Art can be a career, a hobby, or a combination of both.

In an interview with three seniors, one, Tabetha Cunningham, plans to be an art teacher. She wants to attend Winston-Salem State College. For Alex Walle the decision of an art career has not yet been decided, still he will probably go into some branch of art or music job. Lee McRary will complete two other majors before continuing her art skills as a career.

To become a professional artist takes a lot of practice . . . and let downs. Being able to draw or paint does not happen overnight, Cunningham says you have to like it and have patience. McRary reminds new art students that it takes "a lot of practice," to be good. No matter what the trend or interest, Walle advises, "practice, go to shows, get a sense of what's happening in art and what not to do." He also says to "get more ideas, stay away from the boring stuff."

Artist may be influenced by family members who have the same skill. For Cunningham and McRary, art has been part of most of their lives, because their fathers are artistic. Walle was not influenced by a family member, but he is encouraged by them. All of these seniors began to doodle when they were very young; the doodling became drawings, the drawings became art.

Everyone's life is full of art, usually taken for granted, but look at the buildings, videos, album covers, and in the school's display cases. Stop and look at the talent and excitement art brings to the common sight.

Concentrating on each detail, Senior Lee McRary put the finishing touches on a silent beach scene.

The high spirited teen is ready for the world as drawn by Junior Twila Welch.

The Dock

The silver orbs of mist clung to the treetops, and the inky blackness of the night enveloped me as I slipped noisely from my apartment building. I walked slowly, yet purposefully, toward a dock, known only to him and me. It was situated away from the boundaries of the city that were like invisible fortresses imprisoning me. I was nearing the ocean, and a faint breeze of the salty air wafted through my hair. The mists were very thick, but approached. Tauntingly, seagulls and the caresses of waves washing the shore sounded closely in the distance as I near my destruction, and ultimately, the culmination or destruction of my greatest dreams and hopes. I knew he would be at the dock. As I draw nearer, the mist and approaching dawn clashed, one trying to mask the effects of the other in the chilled air. This silent opposition gave my mission a dreamlike quality. A tall ship's mast rose in the distance, signifying the climax of my night journey. Still the mist thickened and I pulled my light spring wrap tighter around me. I spotted the dock, and a hazy outline of a car parked nearby. The thundering of the waves deafened all other sounds, and I glimpsed a solitary figure standing on the edge of the dock. The struggle between the mist and early dawn rose to a peak; then fell as the gossamer web of the mists swirled away and the horizon was glazed with a blush of pink. I walked closer and my feet made no noise as I stepped lightly on the soft, damp wood of the dock. I was behind him now, and I touched his coat gently. He spun around quickly, and before the questions that filled his eyes were spoken aloud, I put my finger over his lips and studied the man before me, the man who had unknowingly mystified and eluded me for so long. His eyes matched the color of the ocean, and his hair rivaled the blackness of the darkest night. We stood slightly apart in the early dawn, neither one of us speaking. Silently, resignedly, for fear of breaking the sudden spell that entranced us both, I turned to leave, but he caught my hand and drew me towards him. As the sun finally rose and the early morning brilliance cast a thousand dancing lights upon the water, he looked intensely back at me, his eyes mirroring the emotions in mine, and we left the dock together, leaving the mist far behind us.

By Kent Kercher

By Jessica Cook 9th grade

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A New Change

The 1985-86 Twig has changed its style. Not only does the twenty-eight member staff have their own photo department and own room, but this year's format is a magazine, rather than a tabloid. If the new tabloid is as successful as the staff is hoping, it will be used in years to come. Chief editor, Kathy Burger comments, "A larger staff permits a wide range of topics and greater coverage of the school. This year the paper is more efficient." Freshman Kathryn Starnes, a feature reporter said, "This is my first year on the paper. I enjoy writing and creating." The editors have more responsibility this year, which creates less hassle on the editor in chief. The Twig focuses on sports, student life, and special activities. The paper revolves around students' opinions, and polls are taken to get schoolwide views.

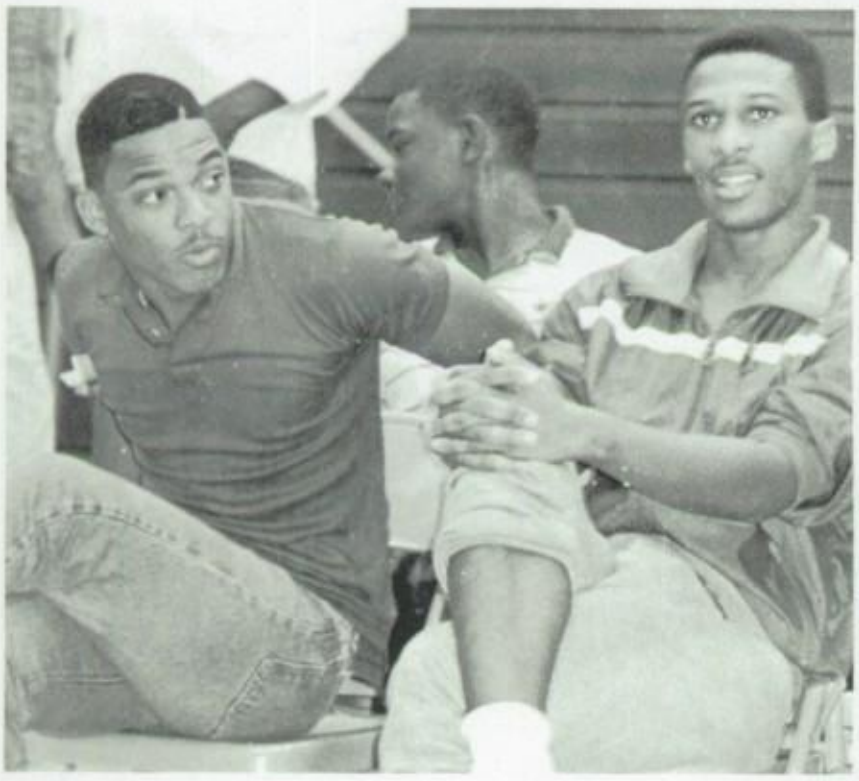
Also, the Twig won a Merit Award from the SIPN this year. This came as a surprise to the staff because Mrs. Lamvert submitted the Twig without the staff's knowledge.

Reviewing the work they have previously done, Twig members, Beth Hager, David Shirley, and David Baker make last minute decisions and changes.

HHS Politics

Every year the students at Hickory High elect representatives to run their class. This year the students had to follow a certain procedure to vote. First they had to get a voting card. The voting card, which was strongly emphasized this year, was used to get into the assembly and to receive a voting ballot. The candidates themselves had to have twenty-five supporters to sign a paper so they were eligible to run.

Voting took place the day after the assembly during both lunches. For the 1986-87 school year the tenth grade student council consists of: president; Jessica Cook, vice-president; Dana Crump, secretary/treasurer; Tonia Clemmons, and representatives; Heather Yarnell, Chris Walling, Rance Nicholas, Tracy Lee, and Melinda Lutz. For the eleventh grade council, the members consist of: president; Aaron Speagle, vice-president; Matthew Robbert, secretary/treasurer; Sherri Shade, and representatives; Sonja Bisbee, Kim Avetta, Melanie Thompson, Missy Anthony, and Robbie Roberts. The twelfth grade members of the student council consist of: president; Brad Crump, vice-president; Lee Thomas, secretary-treasurer; Melanie Thompson, representatives; John Lomax, Cheryl Strickland, Suzanne Spivey, Kim Bruns, and Andy Mearns.



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It figured

In high school it figures each year is a new experience. Although many of the same rituals continue year after year, the way we go about performing them changes each year we are here.

The freshman year everything is done the hard way, hoping that an experienced friend will come to the rescue. These new Tornadoes, unlike the rest of the school, complete their homework the night before it's due, insist on being at school thirty minutes before the first bell so they can "hang on the rail" — just to be sure not to miss anything, and continuously jam the halls while trying to read those misguiding handbook maps and walk simultaneously.

It figures the sophomore year is more enlightening now that the system is known. Forget the maps, getting to the right classes at the right time is easier. Although the routine has finally set in, sophomores are still underclassmen who think they have a long way to go.

With their short-lived memories, the future is not taken too seriously . . . yet!

Junior year starts getting scary. For once, you finally see graduation as a possibility, so close yet so far. It's time to get serious about a future career. It figures the time has come when you realize that you took the wrong classes and didn't get the grades you should have.

Senior year is a daze. You've spent so long looking forward to it, that when it finally arrives, you just can't believe it's true. College is scary, but graduation day still seems far off. Unfortunately, for most of us, it turns up much more quickly than we anticipate. All of a sudden it's June and the year is already over. Gradu-

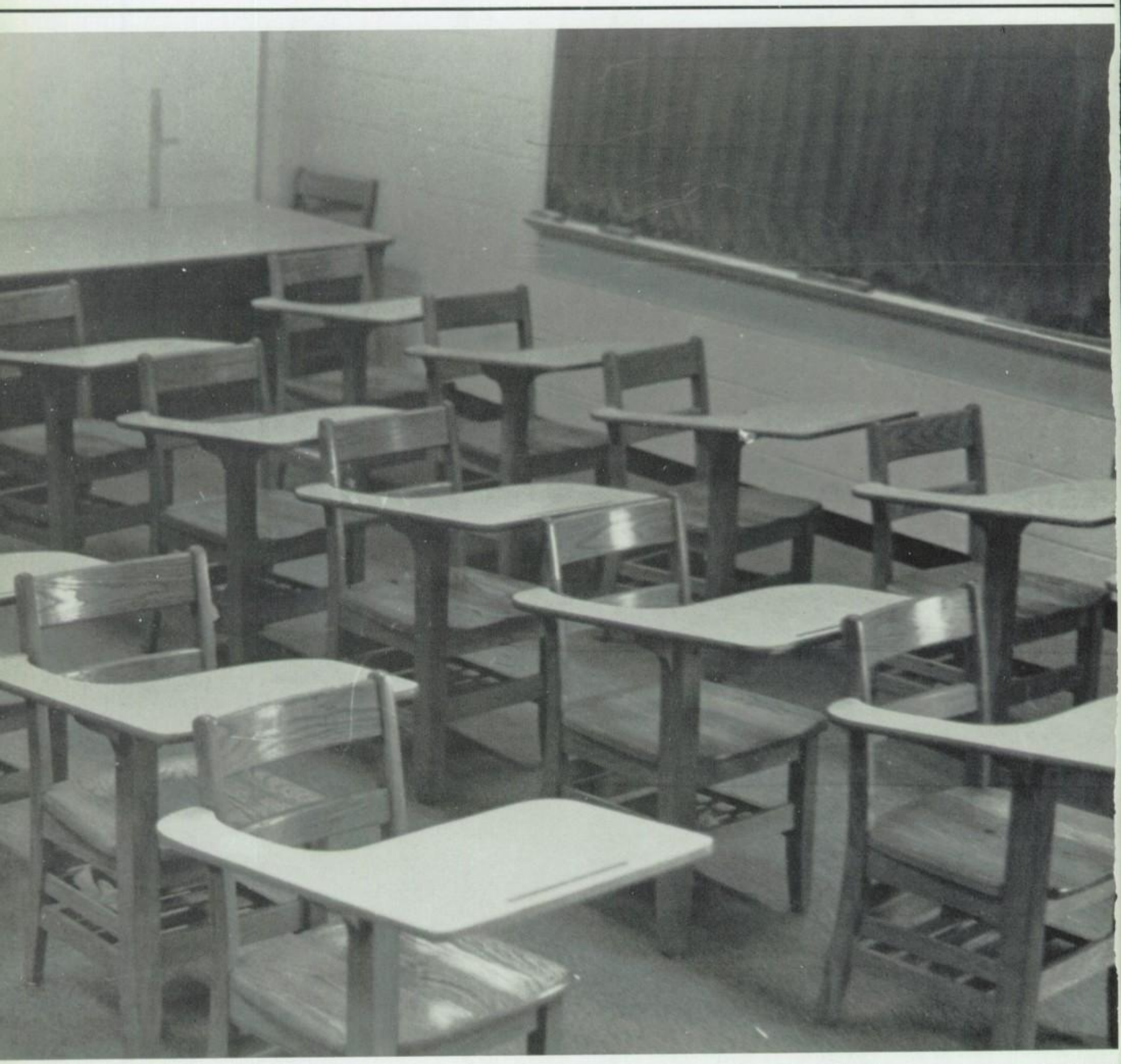
Taking time out of their busy day, seniors Lisa Bradford and Mary Henson relax at Shuford Memorial Park in order to plan and design this yearbook. The two were on the staff for four years and had been in charge of various sections before becoming editors.

Excited about the upcoming graduation, seniors Chad Ward and Chris Dale share their enthusiasm with their friends.

ation day is exciting, but at the same time an unexpected let-down. It's a strange feeling to end the four years of hard work and dedication that you've put into your high school years.

Now, it has been 180 days since we entered the doors of Hickory High School, some for the first time and some for the start of their last. And though the days in between all varied, it can be said that the pride we all had in our school made each day worthwhile. Not only were subjects learned, sports records broken and set, but old and new friendships developed and grew into everlasting relationships and memories that will be cherished forever.

By doing a tough workout every other day during 5th period, senior Mark Rhyne keeps himself in top shape! Rhyne, an excellent football player and an outstanding member of the track team, has plans to attend Wingate College in the fall of 86 and play football for them too.



Friday, June 6, a classroom in the math department is emptied by the sound of the 1:00 bell when only moments before, final exams perplexed each students mind. Now that summer is here, workers will begin to clean and prepare for next year's classes.